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JESSE DENNIS.

of

Sussex County, N. J.

and his descendants,

with

A compilation of genealogical sketches  
of the Pioneers in this State.

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By Chas. E. Stickney.

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## EXPLANATORY.

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Had the following work been completed an introductory would have occupied the place of this article ; but as I have found life too short to complete it, I resolved to publish it as a basis for some more determined author to build a complete work upon, hence the above heading.

There seems to be an undecided current of tradition among the descendants of Jesse Dennis, of Sussex county, N. J., that his ancestry came over with William Penn to America ; that they came from Ireland ; or, that they may have been of English nativity. There were many of the name of Dennis in New Jersey for nearly forty years before William Penn came to this country. Some of the name came from Ireland to New Jersey before he did, or nearly the same time. William Penn brought over many settlers from Ireland, men and their families of the Quaker belief, most of whom had fled to Ireland from England previously to escape the persecution of Quakers, which was worse in England than there comparatively.

I have collected many miscellaneous records of the family, which, however, I could not present in a continuous and vouched for line of descent. These I have placed under the heading, Dennis in.

In Sussex county are quite a number of the family name whose race first I have not been able to trace in a connection with the first Joseph Dennis who came into the county from Ireland.

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county, Pa., in 1668, although I feel convinced that they are connected.

I have established the most feasible line of family descent before me from the dates of records in my possession which I have presented as a continuous line from Robert of Connecticut to Jesse of Sussex county. Later developments may prove me to be right in that proposition, or they may show me to be wrong. If an investigation should be set on foot, through this primitive work to present an absolutely vouched for continuous line, whether it lead to New England or to Ireland, it will be a delight to, and repay, me for my labor.

Jesse Dennis' descendants I have traced quite in detail, except as to some of the younger generations. Some to whom I applied seemed to evade furnishing records, as if they feared there was some bugaboo abroad in the arrangement or the intent of the work. Others were pleased to lend all possible assistance, and I thank them heartily for their aid. I am particularly indebted to Alfred Lewis Dennis, Esq., of Newark, for records of Joseph Dennis, of Bucks county, Pa., and others.

Respectfully,

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## DENNISANIA.

ABSTRACT CLASS — 1. for term; m. for m. registered; for dead; for donation; use used to avoid surplusage.

The first Dennis we find mentioned in England was the John mentioned by Pore who says, "Mr. John Dennis was the son of a saddler in London, born in 1637." He was a literary man of note in his day, and he died in 1734 in London.

The first Dennis who came to this country was Robert, "master of the good ship, 'True Love,' which arrived at Tiverton N. H., from England with his family in the year 1635." The Connecticut branch of the family have this foregoing record. His native is not stated but he undoubtedly was from England. Whether he was related to the saddler in London or not we are not informed. There was a John Dennis living in London later, of whom Jas. Lackington in his "anecdotes of shoemakers," Chambers' Miscellany, vol. 7, p. 14, says:

"In 1773 I was relieved from this pinched state of affairs by entering into partnership with a worthy man, Mr. John Dennis, who was possessed of some capital, which partnership lasted six years. \* \* \* We issued a catalogue of our books, which included 12,000 volumes."

The frequent occurrence of the name John among Americans has a tendency to show relation between the foregoing

Robert 1st was living at Portsmouth, R. I., in 1643, say Connecticut records. They give his children as Robert 2d, perhaps others.

Robert 2d, born at Portsmouth 1645, purchased land there August 25th, 1656; was made a freeman in 1671; a Deputy 1673-'84; deeded land for a Quaker burying ground July 9th, 1672. May 25th, 1691, he purchased of Jedediah and Elizabeth Allen, of Sudbury, land in Monmouth county, N. J. His will, dated May 17th, 1691, proven July 2d, 1691, bequeaths "lands purchased of brother-in-law, Jedediah Allen," to his eldest son, Robert Dennis 3d. It also mentions other children: Joseph, Mary, Sarah and John. Robert Dennis 2d d. in Portsmouth, R. I., June 3, 1691. He m. Sarah Howland Nov. 19th, 1692. She was b. in 1645, d. at Duxbury, Mass., Oct. 2d, 1712.

Robert Dennis 3d, their eldest son, b. Nov. 6th, 1677, at Portsmouth, R. I., m. Jan. 21d, 1700, Susannah Briggs, dau. of William and Elizabeth (Cook) Briggs. She was b. April 4th, 1681, d. in 1744. He d. January 5th, 1730. Children: Comfort, b. 1703; Anne, b. 1704; John, b. June 24th, 1706; Humphrey, b. May 14th, 1708, d. before 1729; Tabatha, b. 1710; Sarah, b. 1712; Lydia, b. 1715; Elizabeth, b. 1719; Deborah, b. 1722; Mary, b. 1723; Thomas. Of them Comfort m. Philip Taylor; Anne m. ——— Sanford; Sarah m. ——— Soule; which is all we have of them except of their eldest son, John. He m. Hannah Wilbur in 1730. They appear to have been graduates of

Connecticut. Children: Robert 4th, Thomas, Susannah, Humphrey, one nameless, Shadrack, b. 1713, Jerusha, Samuel, Radford Hannah.

Shadrack m. Abigail Hussey, and d. May 15th, 1838. Children: Hepsibah, Paul, Noah, Jonathan, Wilbur, b. Jan. 2d, 1775, Susan, Elias A. and Aaron, twins, John, Lydia, Robert, Mary.

Wilbur d. May 6th, 1834, in Cayuga N. Y. He m. first Lydia Cornell, and they lived in Cambridge, Washington county, N. Y. Children: Noah 2d, Myra, Cyrus Cornell. He m. second Susannah Brown, b. 1784, d. 1866 at Richmond Ind. Children: Ann Eliza Seneca, William Edward, John and Charles C., b. in 1828.

Charles C., residing in Tarrytown, N. Y., in 1904, has a son, Wilbur, b. in 1862, and two daughters. The latter Wilbur had a son, Robert 6th, b. May 30th, 1891.

Joseph, son of Robert 2d, and Sarah (Howland) Dennis, b. May 25th, 1689, m. April 20th, 1727, Sarah Durfee, dau. of Thomas and Ann (Freeborn) Durfee in Connecticut. She was b. March 1st, 1693, d. April 21st, 1759. He was Freeman in 1710, Deputy 1720-21-31, d. Oct. 24th, 1750. His will dated June 15, '59, was proved Dec. 10, '59. Children: Sarah, b. 1723; Sarah 2d, b. 1725, m. — Earle, had a son, William; Robert 7th, b. Sept. 10th, 1727; Joseph, b. Jan. 15th, 1730, m. Mercy —, d. before June 15th, 1759; Ann, b. 1731, m. — Coggeshall; Ruth, b. 1733, m.

---- Cor. 7, Ig. 11a, b. 1735, m. ---- Fish; Freeborn, b. 1739.

Mary, dau. of Robert 2d, and Sarah (Howland) Dennis m. Geo. Lawton.

Sarah, dau. of Robert 2d, and Sarah (Howland) Dennis m. Thomas Fish.

John, son of Robert 2d, and Sarah (Howland) Dennis m. Ann Brayton, dau. of Stephen and Ann (Tallman) Brayton, b. July 6th, 1683; d. August 25th, 1747. He was Freeman in 1700; Deputy in 1711. Died August 4th, 1732. They were buried in Robert Dennis' cemetery at Portsmouth, R. I. Children, John.

Descendants of Robert Dennis 2d, so far above enumerated, appear to be settled in New England and New York State.

### The Dennis Family in New Jersey.

An old document, authority not given, says that "Thomas Dennis came with Gov. Winthrop from England to Massachusetts with 900 emigrants and with his son, Samuel, removed to New Jersey, where Samuel later became Judge;" also "Robert Dennis and Jedediah Allen m. sisters." The latter Robert was, therefore, plainly indicated as Robert 2d, who did not come to New Jersey, son of Robert 1st. That Robert 2d was not the first emigrant into New Jersey is shown by his date, which occurred in 1640. While Snow's History of Essex County, N. J., vol. 1, says, "Widow of Robert Dennis had 120 acres of land on June 15th, 1675. Besides,

Dalley's History of Woodbridge, N. J., says:

"Robert Dennis came from Yarmouth, Mass. (Rhode Island?) to Woodbridge in 1666, and Samuel and John Dennis, supposed to be his brothers, came with him, or followed soon after."

Was Samuel Dennis a brother of Robert 1st? Contrary to that idea is opposed the fact that in a will made by Samuel Dennis, proved April 21st, 1720, he (if that is the same one) speaks of "eight acres bought of my father in Woodbridge." It is not on record that Thomas Dennis bought land in Woodbridge previous to that date, yet he may have done so. Besides a deed made by Thomas Carrelton, of Ballincarrick, county of Wicklow, Ireland, dated April 1st, 1684, conveyed "to Thomas Dennis, shoemaker," forty acres of land northeast Newton creek, and says "he is of Newton, Gloucester county, N. J." Yet, although so stated of that county, he may have sold his eight acres at Woodbridge to his son Samuel, to take up a residence in Newton. Thomas Dennis, in his will dated and signed by his mark of Newton, Gloucester county, N. J., April 1st, 1720, proven May 20th, 1721 (vol. 2, p. 182, Trenton Records) mentions his "wife," not named, his sons, "Sam," Thomas and William; and daughters, Mary and Hannah. Samuel died April 21st of that year.

A deed given by Jonathan Dennis March 16th, 1685, for ninety acres of land along the Rahway river in New Jersey, in which he says of it "I inherited from my father, Robert Dennis." There was a George Dennis, contemporary with them.



but who we cannot find related: "1674, Jan. 15th, before Anthony Colve (Dutch Governor of New York and New Jersey) George Dennis was accused of smuggling rum and selling it in Mespath's Kill and Oyster Bay." Vol. 2, p. 721, Doc. Relating to Col. Hist. of N. Y.

Thomas Eaton's will proven, of Shrewsbury, N. J., Nov. 11th, 1688, says that "John, son of Robert Dennis, of Portsmouth, R. I." To this Samuel Dennis was a witness.

From the foregoing we establish that Robert 1st. of Portsmouth, R. I., together with his wife, Thomas, Samuel, Jonathan and John Dennis came to Essex county, N. J., about 1656. Why they came is explained in Smith's History of New Jersey:

"Gov. Carteret did not arrive to his government of New Jersey till the latter end of the summer of 1665. He took up his residence at Elizabethtown, which, it is said, he named after Elizabeth, wife of Sir Geo. Carteret. \* \* \* The Governor soon afterwards sent persons into New England and other places to get people to settle there. Upon which many came from thence and settled at Elizabeth, Woodbridge, Piscataway and Newark."

In N. J. Archives, vol. 27, p. 3, is this: "July 16th, 1668, Robert Dennis made an agreement with Hugh Dunn and others for a division of land in Woodbridge." "April 5th, 1669, he and Samuel Moore objected to it."

This proposition seems plain: That Robert Dennis 1st. of Portsmouth R. I. with his wife,

came to Woodbridge, where he died previous to 1675, his widow surviving him; that their children were Robert 2d, Jonathan and John, perhaps others; that Robert 2d, his eldest son, remained at Portsmouth, and is the ancestor of the New York and New England families we have mentioned, and some of whose descendants may have settled in New Jersey, leaving us only his two sons, Jonathan and John, as the principal pioneers in their times in New Jersey.

We, therefore, give some dates and names of their descendants, which seems to bear the impress of authenticity, beginning with

### Jonathan Dennis 1st of New Jersey.

Jonathan Dennis, son of Robert 1st, married Rachel, daughter of Samuel Moore, of Woodbridge. Children: Elizabeth b. Jan. 8th, 1678; Mary, b. April 7th, 1682; Rachel, b. Oct. 30th, 1683; Jonathan 2d, b. Jan. 29, 1685-6; Joseph, b. Feb. 18th, 1687-8; Charles and Sarah, twins, b. Jan. 4th, 1689-90; Hannah, b. Jan. 26, 1691-2. He deeded away lands in Woodbridge Feb. 25th, 1684, hence was of age at that date.

His will (vol. 2, p. 160, Records in Trenton), dated Aug. 9th, 1719 (no date to probate, but he is alleged to have died in 1719), gives to "Rachel, my wife," "to my son, Philip, when he becomes 21 years of age." "If he dies without issue, then to go to my son, Charles." Gives sons, Samuel and Charles, 20s. each. From this it appears that he had two additional children, Philip and Samuel to the list first above given.

The Charles above named is he, we think, whose will proven of Shrewsbury Feb. 9th, 1693 (vol. 21, p. 295 N. J. Archives), names his wife, Mary, sons Philip, John and Joseph, and appoints guardians for the "fatherless and motherless children of Francis and Elizabeth Jackson." He may have been the Charles who applied for a charter for a whale fishing Feb. 14th, 1678-9. Vol. 21, p. 42, N. J. Archives.

### John Dennis 1st of New Jersey.

"W. H." in Newark News, says "John Dennis married Sarah Bloomfield Dec. 18th, 1688, and died May 8th, 1689, his wife having died May 5th, 1689, only three days before. Their children were: John 2d, b. Sept. 9th, 1669; Mary, b. Dec. 7th, 1671, d. in October, 1689; Sarah, b. July 18th, 1673, d. in October, 1689; Elizabeth, b. Feb. 14th, 1674."

Thomas Bloomfield's will, proven Feb. 16th, 1678-9, mentions "Cousin Elizabeth, daughter of John Dennis, cousin John Dennis (2d?) and cousin Samuel Dennis." This Thomas Bloomfield was a brother to Mrs. John Dennis. She also had a brother, John, spoken of in Samuel Moore's will as his son-in-law, proven Nov. 10th, 1683, at Woodbridge.

Dec. 20th, 1669, Gov. Carteret gave Samuel Moore a deed for land in Woodbridge, west of John Dennis', indicating that the latter was a landholder at that time, and therefore of age. John was probably the one called "Pappy" Dennis, of Strawberry Hill, whose daughter,

Elizabeth, is alleged to have married William Cole, of Glen Brook, whose son, James, married Elizabeth Frazee, and the latter's son, Dennis, married Catherine Van Dusen, of Newburg, parents of Dr. Abraham Cole, of Scotch Plains, N. J. (Newark News, M. S. D.) William Cole, born in Scotland about 1643, came on the Caledonia with Brothens and settled at Scotch Plains, whence the name (?) William Cole and Elizabeth Dennis had five children besides James: William m. Elizabeth Williamson, of Plainfield; Dennis, unmarried; Mary m. Daniel Hauck, of Plainfield; Elizabeth m. John Merrill, Phoebe, unmarried.

John Dennis was a witness to Robert Rogers' will of Woodbridge Sept. 1st, 1680.

John Dennis, carpenter, deeded lands in Woodbridge in 1682. (N. J. Archives, vol. 21, p. 226.)

John Dennis 2d, son of John and Sarah (Bloomfield) Dennis, m. Rachel Hull April 8th 1694, by Rev. Samuel Hale. Children: Eunice, b. Dec. 29th, 1694; Joseph, b. May 8th, 1697; Rachel, b. May 14th, 1699; John 3d, b. Jan. 14th, 1700-1.—Correspondent Newark News.

The Joseph above named would, in date of birth, tally with the possible age of the Joseph Dennis, who later went to Bucks county, Pa., and from there to Sussex county, N. J., where he died and left a will of record in 1770.

Here we shall digress to give some miscellaneous names and dates for the use of future genealogists:

## Samuel Dennis 1st (?)

Samuel, the son of Thomas 1st (?) was a man who left a decided impression on the times in which he lived. He was eminently a useful man in his community; and in the official and unofficial positions he filled we can discover from their continuance and multiplied number that he was a more than ordinarily able and worthy man. March 18th, 1670, Gov. Carteret deeded to him "a house and lot (12 acres) between Thomas Bloomfield, Jr.'s., and Joseph Bradley's; five acres meadow between Stephen Kent's and Samuel Smith's; one acre meadow, east of Papiack creek, next to Robert Dennis'; 60 acres of upland in Langster's Plain, 15 acres of Ramon's meadow." (Vol. 221, p. 12, N. J. Archives). These tracts lay in and about Woodbridge, and he is called in the deeds "of Woodbridge." There appears to have been some contention about surveying, because Dec. 30, 1669, the Governor issued an order forbidding Robert from surveying without a warrant (Ib. p. 30). Nov. 24th, 1675, Samuel Dennis was commissioned a magistrate in Woodbridge (Ib. p. 38). Feb. 16th, 1676, he was again commissioned as such (Ib. p. 40). He with Samuel Moore, his brother-in-law, made an inventory of the estate of Stephen Kent, of Woodbridge (Ib. p. 43). Feb. 16th, 1679, his cousin, Thomas Bloomfield, Jr., in his will bequeathed him personal property (Ib. p. 43). April 7th, 1679, he, with Jonathan Dunham, made an inventory of Thomas Bloomfield's estate

(Ib. 44). Jan. 12th, 1679-80, he was commissioned as a magistrate and assistant of the Corporation Court of Woodbridge (Ib. p. 44). May 10th, 1679, the will of Benajah Dunham, of Piscataway, made Samuel Dennis one of his executors (Ib. p. 63). Aug. 17th, 1683, Isaac Thornell, of Woodbridge, by will appointed him one of the overseers of his estate (Ib. p. 217). Jan. 12th, 1680, he was again commissioned magistrate (Ib. 44). Sept. 1st, 1680, Robert Rogers, of Woodbridge, named him assistant to widow executrix of estate (Ib. p. 124). Nov. 10th, 1683, the will of Samuel Moore, of Woodbridge, made him (his brother-in-law) executor, with Thomas Bloomfield, Moore's son-in-law (Ib. p. 121). Aug. 13th, 1685, license to purchase Indian land was granted to Samuel Dennis, et al., of Shrewsbury [Ib. 65]. March 25th, 1687, he witnessed the will of John Chambers, of Shrewsbury [Ib. p. 117]. Nov. 11th, 1688, he witnessed Thomas Eaton's will [Ib. p. 165]. Nov. 11th, 1688, he filed a certificate that he refused to act as executor of Samuel Moore [Ib. p. 121]. Nov. 3d, 1693, he was returned to the Assembly from Shrewsbury [Ib. 169]. Nov. 22d, 1693, the will of Henry Forest, of Woodbridge, made him executor [Ib. p. 175]. Dec. 1st, 1695, he was returned to the Assembly from Middlesex county [Ib. p. 162]. Dec. 3d, 1701, he was guardian of George Darling, of Woodbridge [Ib. p. 145]. Jan. 7th, 1691, Jonas Hall, of Shrewsbury, mentions in his will "Samuel Dennis friend," to

which will he was a witness [Ib. p. 184]. He witnessed Thomas Viccars' will, of Shrewsberry, Jan. 21st, 1695-6 [Ib. p. 249]. He was one of the Highway Commissioners for Middlesex county [Ib. p. 253]. March 20th, 1697-8, he witnessed the will of Peter White, of Shrewsberry [Ib. p. 284]. Sept. 6th, 1697, he and his wife, Mary, sell five acres of land at Woodbridge, formerly Robert Dennis' [Ib. p. 272]. Dec. 12, 1698, he witnessed the will of Thomas Cooke, of Shrewsberry [Ib. p. 298]. He was a juror in Gov. Phillip Cartaret's court in Middlesex county Feb. 10th, 1671 [vol. 1, p. 1, N. J. Archives]. Sept. 1st, 1673, he was appointed a schepen [magistrate] for Woodbridge [N. J. Archives]. He was elected an ensign of militia for Woodbridge and sworn in Sept. 14th, 1673 [vol. 1, p. 134, N. J. Archives]. July 30th, 1680, Samuel Moore and Samuel Dennis were commissioned justices for Woodbridge at a council in New York [Ib. p. 320]. They both refused to serve under Sir Edmund Andros, Governor, and a warrant was issued for their arrest Aug. 13th, 1680. The same day Moore was brought before the council. "His present condition, many children, &c. taken into account. Hee is ordered to bee released and goe home about his businesses." Mr. Dennis does not appear to have been arrested, but he probably agreed to serve. Oct. 19th to Nov. 2d, 1681, he was clerk of the session of the Assembly held at Elizabethtown. He was a member of the council of Perth Amboy, and in 1697, in the

struggle New York city made to take away from Perth Amboy its chief rights as a port of entry. March 19th, 1699, he was present when the justices attempted to hold court in the town hall in Piscataway, but were driven out by the citizens of that place, who claimed its sole ownership. They held court in the constable's house and reported the indignities they suffered. Aug. 27th, 1700, several persons were indicted for assaulting the sheriff at the struggle mentioned, at a court whereof Mr. Dennis was one of the justices. March 25th, 1701, at a court held in Middletown, in Middlesex county, he was one of the judges who attempted to try Moses Bitterworth for piracy, he having confessed 'yt he did sail with Capt. Wm. Kidd in his last voyage when he came from ye West Indies into Boston.' Seventy or eighty men, with Thomas Johnson a drummer, came into court and made a riot, during which the prisoner escaped, and then locked the doors and kept Gov. Andrew Hamilton, the sheriff, and the whole court, imprisoned for four days.

Mr. Dennis was urgent to have Governor Hamilton continued in office, and addressed a petition to the King for him, but Lord Cornbury got the appointment. In a letter recommending Mr. Dennis, of Woodbridge, as a member of the council, it speaks of him as "of ye Best Estates in East Jersie." In a petition against his appointment it urges that "he was of the Scotch and Quaker faction" (Vol. 2 p. 487-488 N. J. Archives). He was a member of the court in Perth



Amboy which Lewis Morris defied. The court fined Mr. Morris £50, and to stand committed until paid. He was put in jail and later an indictment was found against several persons for breaking into the jail and "letting out Lewis Morris and Geo. Willocks." In 1707 Samuel Dennis is alluded to in petitions to the Legislature. Oct. 31st, 1713, he was a candidate for Member of Assembly from Middlesex county, but was defeated by eight votes (Vol 4 p. 187 N. J. Archives). At that time he must have been a very old man, for it will be seen that his useful career had lasted as matter of public record from 1667, when he is believed to have been 21 years old, to the date his will was proven in 1720, which would make him in the neighborhood of at least 74 years old at his demise. A petition to Gov. Hunter against the acts of a constable in 1715, signed by Joseph, Jonathan, Samuel, and Charles Dennis, brought out the comment from the Governor to the Lords of Trade, "there need be no uneasiness felt for they are all from New England who have signed it." (Ib. p. 214).

A Samuel Dennis is found by records of Woodbridge to have had a wife, Sarah ———, and children: Samuel, b. Sept. 17th, 1672; Robert, b. May 7th, 1676; Sarah, b. Feb. 17th, 1678 (or 9?), Jonathan, b. Feb. —, 1683, d. Dec. 12th, 1688. The dates correspond with the probable rearing of the family of Samuel we have under consideration. But Abigail Lippencott's will, proven of Shrewsbury, June 28th, 1697, (Vol. 21 p. 270,

N. J. A.) she being a widow of Richard Lippencott, mentions "my granddaughters, Abigail, Sylvia, and Rachel; daughters of my daughter Increase and her husband Samuel Dennis." From which we infer that he probably was twice married.

By the terms of the will which we deem his, there are two other children, daughters, named Reliance and Elizabeth, who were, if we mistake not, children of a third marriage, because an instrument in writing was filed in Middlesex county, March 5th, 1695, which recites that "Samuel Dennis of Woodbridge, having married Mary, widow of Edward Crow, and thereby legally become the administrator of the estate of said Crow, who died intestate, empowers his said wife to manage the estate for the benefit of her children by Crow, viz: Mary, Yelvarton, Joseph, and Edward; and an inventory of the estate belonging to the children and a receipt by Mary Dennis for it on behalf of the children." (Vol. 21 p. 231 N. J. A.)

The will of Samuel Dennis was signed March 14th, 1719, and proven April 21, 1720, hence his death took place in the beginning of the year 1720, for it seems very probable that the will was probated within two or three weeks succeeding his death. The instrument is a carefully drawn one, and from its wording, so in accord with his active business life, it seems to have been written by him. It begins thus:

"In the name of God. Amen. The 14th day

of the third month in the sixth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord, George, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, King, Anno Domini, 1710-20, I, Samuel Dennis, of Woodbridge, in the county of Middlesex, Yeoman; being very sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God, therefor, and calling to mind ye mortality of ye body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make, publish and ordain this to be my last will and testament.

Principally, the first of all I give and recommend my soul to God who gave it, and body to ye earth to be buried Christian like and decent mannered, at ye discretion of my executors hereinafter named, nothing doubting that I shall receive ye same again by ye mighty power of God in ye glorious resurrection at ye last day. And touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this world, I give devise and dispose of ye same again in manner and form following:"

He then gives his wife Mary the whole of his movable estate excepting that previously given to his daughter Sarah, also lands in Bloomfield, eight acres bought of my father and hereafter given to my daughter Reliance; gives to his loving daughter Sarah, a lot his father bought of Wm. Collins, also lands in Woodbridge, to his daughter Elizabeth; gives his son Samuel, lands in Woodbridge and lands laid out by his father in Freehold, and requests his friends Edward Freeman and Benjamin Bloomfield to take espec-

al care of "ye timber on ye lot." Wife Mary and daughter Sarah, Executors.

Samuel Dennis, Jr., married Mary Crowel Dec. 3d. 1695. Children: Mary, d. 1702. Samuel, b. July 8th. 1706 (unauthentic). It is advertised Jan. 1st, 1722, that James McCurdy, his servant, had run away from him at Shrewsberry. Vol. 11, p. 69, N. J. A. This Samuel, Jr., we take to be the one whose will probated of Woodbridge, Dec. 13th, 1712, (Trenton records Vol. 1, p. 202) gives to his wife Mary; to his son Samuel, "the house standing at the foot of strawberry hill;" also gives to a son Jonathan.

### Some Descendants of Samuel, Jonathan and John.

Samuel Dennis, yeoman, by will proven of Shrewsberry, Aug. 27th, 1746, gave to sons, Samuel and Lewis, and to daughters, Anna, Mary and Margaret; also to brother Jacob.

Jacob Dennis, of Shrewsberry, will proven Jan. 11th, 1775 (Trenton records, Vol. L. p. 368) named sons, Jacob, Anthony and Benjamin; and daughters, Hannah, Elizabeth and Increase; also Benjamin's children: Jacob, Emily and John.

Hannah Dennis administered on estate of Benjamin Dennis, of Hunterdon county, Aug. 17th, 1779. Her maiden name was Hannah Little. She married him Jan. 6th, 1764. He was Major of militia and was shot by the pine robbers, Fenton and Emmons as he was passing from Coryell's Ferry to Shrewsberry in 1779. See Barber

& Howie. His widow married. License granted Oct. 6th, 1781, John Lambert, then acting Governor of New Jersey. A daughter, Amelia, by her first husband married ——— Coryel, of Philadelphia.

Anthony was chosen by Committee the surveyor to set with James Clinton, of New York, to run the partition line between that State and this. (Vol. 10, p. 502, N. J. A.).

Thomas Boone, adm. on estate of Jacob Dennis, Dec. 30th, 1760. (Trenton rec. Vol. 10, p. 293).

John Dennis, of Pilesgrove, Salem county, will proven Oct. 6th, 1748 (Trenton rec. Vol. 8, p. 446) gives wife Elizabeth both lands in Shrewsbury: names sons George and William and daughter Anne, not 21 years old. Philip and Jacob Dennis, of Shrewsbury, Executors.

John Dennis' will mentions he is innholder and wife Mary. Proven of Elizabeth, Aug. 2nd, 1739.

John Dennis of Middlesex county, was appointed by Provincial Congress, Treasurer of Eastern N. J., Feb. 28th, 1776.

Eulice Dennis, of Piscataway, and John Love, of Woodbridge, licensed to marry, Aug. 10th, 1754.

Jonathan Dennis, son of Jonathan 1st, married by Rev. Mr. Wade, Feb. 6th, 1710, Agnes Sharp, daughter of William. Had a son Samuel, Oct. 23th, 1711. Descendants in Kearney.

John Dennis and Rebecca West, licensed to marry Feb. 15th, 1706. She administered on

his estate in Salem, Jan. 15th, 1796. (N. J. Archives).

### Miscellaneous Early Records.

John Dennis and Mary Germain, of Gloucester, were married Jan. 7th, 1731.—Vol. 22, p. 106, N. J. A).

John Dennis and Sarah Thorn, of Middletown, N. J., licensed to marry June 27th, 1757.—Ib.

John Dennis and Abigail West, of Monmouth licensed to marry June 4th, 1763.—Ib.

Tunis Dennis, of Freehold, will proven April 2d, 1792.—Trenton records.

John Dennis, adm. of estate of Isaac Cushman, of Northampton, Mich. 9th, 1752.—Trenton records.

Joseph Dennis, Aug. 1st, 1695, bought of Wm. Walthman, of Cohansoy, 69 acres on Holt's Creek—Vol. 21, p. 611, N. J. Archives. April 24th, 1698, he sold  $34\frac{1}{2}$  acres of it.—Ib. p. 627. Aug. 27th, 1702, he bought two 16 acre lots in Greenwich, Salem Co.—Ib. p. 633. Oct. 15th, 1700, he bought 16 acres adjoining his dwelling there.—Ib. Joseph Dennis "late of Fife in the county of Salem" will proven Oct. 28th, 1754 (signed Sept. 11th)—Trenton records, vol. 8 p. 121—gave to brother James, sister, Sarah Platts, Rebecca Platts, Ann Johnston, Rachel Dennis and Hannah Dennis, "Brother" Joseph Platts, executor. John Dennis, believed to be his father, must have been married twice. His will, proven of Shrewsbury.

Aug. 2d, 1756 (signed May 8th.)—Princeton records Vol. 8 p. 213—mentions sons, James, John, Jacob, Philip; wife Eleanor; daughters, Sarah Platts, Susannah Platts, Rebecca Platts, Ann Johnston, Rachel Dennis, and Hannah Dennis.

Aug. 5th, 1747, letters of dismissal were granted from the church in Piscataway to John Dennis, and Mary Dennis with a number of others, who organized the Scotch Plains Baptist church near Plainfield—the first Baptist church in New Jersey. John and Mary were buried in the cemetery attached to the latter church property. She may have been his wife or a relative; we have no means of knowing now.

There was a Mary Dennis m. Benjamin Gas-kill, Jan. 16th, 1738, according to some statements, but it is unauthentic. There was a Mary Dennis b. Nov. 8th, 1723, daughter of Robert and Susanna (Briggs) Dennis. In his will, probated May 15th, 1744, he mentioned her as one of his unmarried daughters.

Thomas Dennis had a son John who married Mary Cozzens, in Elizabethtown, and their son, John Jr., b. in 1726, married Sept. 23d, 1753, Mary Jaques. The latter couple were the parents of Ann Frances Dennis, who m. Dr. Cole.—S. F. in Newark News.

Shaw's History of Essex county, N. J., speaks of David Dennis, of Gloucester county; Elias Dennis, of Hunterdon; John Dennis, of Middlesex; Joseph, of Monmouth; Mathew, of Gloucester; Philip, of Monmouth; and Reuben, of Somerset county.

License was granted Hartshorne Fitz Randolph, of Woodbridge, and Ruth Dennis of Piscataway, to marry Aug. 16th, 1746.—Vol. 22 p. 139 N. J. A.

License granted June 25th, 1744, to John Donham, to marry Sarah Dennis, of Woodbridge.—Ib. p. 116.

Sarah Dennis, of Monmouth, and Thomas Shepherd, of that county, were licensed to marry Sept. 8th, 1747.—Ib. p. 116.

Zilpha Dennis and William Chamberlin, of Monmouth, were licensed to marry July 18th, 1763.—Ib. p. 116.

Rachel Dennis and James Cassedy, of Burlington, were licensed to marry May 23d, 1758.—Ib. p. 116.

Mary Dennis and Richard Bulkely, of Philadelphia, licensed to marry.—Ib. p. 116.

Mary Dennis and John Bryant, of Gloucester, licensed to marry Aug. 8th, 1739.—Ib. p. 116.

Mary Dennis, of Monmouth, and Benjamin Gaskill, of Burlington: licensed to marry Jan. 16th, 1738.—Ib. p. 116. She is conjectured to have been the daughter of Robert and Susannah (Briggs) Dennis, born Nov. 8th, 1723, but Robert's will, probated May 15th, 1744 (made June 20th, 1743) says she was then unmarried.

Increase Dennis and Anthony Woodward, Jr., of Monmouth, licensed to marry Oct. 13th, 1760.—Ib. p. 116.

Elizabeth Dennis and Nathaniel Vail, of Elizabeth town, licensed to May 3d, 1748.—Ib. p. 116.

Deborah Dennis and John Kinman, of Middle-



sex, licensed to marry Dec. 4th, 1780.—Ib. p. 116.

Timothy Dennis committed a murder Sept. 30th, 1742.—Vol. 12, p. 146. New Jersey Archives.

Sarah Dennis administered on estate of Samuel Dennis, of Gloucester county, Jan. 13th, 1795.

Sarah Dennis' will, proven Aug. 29th, 1796 (Ib. Vol. 35 p. 380) of Freehold, names five grand-children: William, Thomas, Henry, Isaac, and Abigail Thorn, children of my son, Thomas Thorn; also names Sarah and Richard Mayn, "children of my daughter Marian Mayn" son Samuel Thorn; also to children of her son, John Thorn.

Robert Dennis' will, of Bernardstown, Somerset county, proven Feb. 1st, 1791. Ib. Vol. 31, p. 552) gives wife Hannah "one bed, furniture, and 'neagor girl' called Phoebe;" names four children: Joseph, Robert, Elizabeth Drake and Hannah Noe; mentions brother Jonathan. "Robert Dennis died Dec. 31st, 1790, aged 74 years; buried at Bound Brook in old churchyard." Newark News.

Margaret Dennis administered on estate of Samuel Dennis, April 17, 1794.

Cornelius Vandervoort administered on estate of Samuel Dennis, of Monmouth county, Oct. 17th, 1783.

Samuel Dennis and Mary Vanderbilt, of Monmouth, were licensed to m. March 13th, 1765.—Ib.

William Dennis and Mary Rogers, of Burling-

ton, were licensed to m. June 18, 1737.—*Ib.*

James Dennis and Sarah Elmore were licensed to m. March 20th, 1738.—*Ib.*

Jacob Dennis and Margaret Prise, of Monmouth, were licensed to m. Feb. 22d, 1755.—*Ib.*

Jacob Dennis and Sarah Johnston, of Monmouth, were licensed to m. Jan. 23d, 1751.—*Ib.*

Edward Dennis and Jean Cook, of Cumberland, were licensed to m. March 22d, 1786.—*Ib.*

John Dennis and Martha Moore, of Essex, were licensed to m. Jan. 21st, 1748.—*Ib.*

Joseph Dennis m. ——— 1759. Anna Drake.—*Ib.* p. 644, in Piscataway church.

Garret Dennis and Mary Lou were married in Middlesex county, Dec. 29, 1795.—*Ib.* p. 631.

Phebe Dennis and Jacob Kinner, of Stillwater, were married by S. Seigfried, Jr., Dec. 16, 1874.—Sussex County records.

Philip Dennis married Mary ———, their daughter Abigail, b. April 17, 1704.—Newark News.

Hannah Dennis, married Thomas Collier, March 1, 1693, by John Bishop. Children: Hannah, b. April 30, 1698; Zebiah, b. April 10, 1701; Moses, b. Feb. 26, 1702—3; Sarah, b. July 2, 1708; Thomas, b. March 29, 1707; John, b. April 16, 1709; James, b. July 6, 1711.

Was Mrs. Hannah Collier the daughter of John Dennis, of Cohamsey, whose will was proven Dec. 10, 1726?

John Dennis was Captain 2d Reg. Monmouth 1777, died prisoner of war in hands of enemy, at New York Jan. 17, 1777. Benjamin Dennis,

Captain at Monmouth Feb. 3, 1778. Samuel Dennis, Lieut. Col. Holmes Reg. State troops, First Reg. Monmouth 1779, Captain 1780. Ezekiel Dennis, Ensign Captain Rosenkraus' Company, 3d Battalion, 2d Establishment, Nov. 29, 1776, returned Sept. 26, 1780."—Newark News.

Another Joseph Dennis made his will, proven Sept. 6, 1771, of Hopewell, Cumberland county (Trenton Records, Vol. 15, p. 215) who was probably unmarried, as he gave lands to "sister Elizabeth" and "brother Samuel," a lot "adjoining Philip Dennis'."

Elizabeth Dennis' will, of Greenwich, Cumberland county, proven (Trenton Records, Vol. 31, p. 59) March 13, 1789, gives consins, Prudence Dennis, Philip Dennis, and brother William Miller.

In this connection we mention Samuel Dennis' will of Greenwich, Cumberland Co., proven April 21, 1785, (Ib. Vol. 26, p. 155) gives to familiar names, to consins Philip Dennis, land, also care of sister Elizabeth, and to four children of "my cousin Philip," viz: Philip, Mary, Hannah, John; also to consins, Prudence and Jonathan Dennis; balance of estate to "Friends' meeting, to school poor children."

Also Philip Dennis' will proven, of Burlington, May 28, 1753 (Trenton Records, Vol. 13, p. 414) of Greenwich, gives to wife Lucy, sons Philip, Jr., and Jonathan; and daughters, Prudence, Elizabeth, Grace Bowen and Rachel Smith.

Also the will of Philip Dennis, (Jr.) proven of

Greenwich, Cumberland county, June 18, 1795, (Ib. vol. 35, p. 109) which gives to wife Hannah; daughters, Sarah, Mary, Hannah and Rachel (daughters under age); daughter-in-law, Deborah Newhold; daughter, Hannah Rutan, and sons, Edward, John and Philip.

Also Mary Dennis' will, proven Dec. 4, 1798, of Cumberland county, (Ib. Vol. 38, p. 167) gives to Edward Dennis' daughter, Elizabeth; sister Hannah Bulow (Rutan?); daughter Mary, and brothers, Edward and Philip.

The name Philip in the foregoing families seems to have its origin in the will of Jonathan Dennis, proven of Woodbridge (Trenton records, vol. 2, p. 1719) Aug. 9, 1719.

Jonathan Dennis, weaver, will, of Salem, proven Aug. 1, 1715 (Ib. vol. 2, p. 32) names wife Sarah, and daughters Rachel and Sarah to "have £5 each when 16 years old." The latter Jonathan, we think to be a son of Samuel, of Woodbridge, will, July 5, 1707 (Ib. vol. 1, p. 202).

### From Ireland.

About 1682 to 1687, the names of two new Dennis families appear on record. May 17, 1682, Edward Dennis, Merchant Tailor, of London, England, executed a power of attorney to Wm. Biddle, of Burlington, to act as his land agent (Ib. p. 446.) We do not find that Edward ever saw America. Jan. 11, 1687-8, Samuel Dennis, of Cork, Ireland, gave his brother John Dennis, of the same place, a power of attorney as his land

agent.—(Ib. p. 650.) This John came to New Jersey because, "April 23, 1682, John Dennis, late of Cork, Ireland, now of West Jersey, joiner, for himself and Atty. for his brother Samuel, bought 250 acres of land on the Delaware river in Gloucester county.—(Ib. 651.) Samuel, later probably came to West Jersey, also, because March, 23 1696, a deed of 350 acres of land in Gloucester county, recites that it was next to John and Samuel Dennis'.—(Ib. p. 670.) John gave a written power of attorney substitution to Thomas Thackara, April 25, 1688, to act as his land agent, (Ib. p. 650) and it is on record that Thackara bought large tracts of land for said John and Samuel in West Jersey. That they were acquainted with the Dennis families in Woodbridge and Shrewsbury in East Jersey, seems probable, and the fact that they settled in southern New Jersey so near the pioneers, Robert and sons, conveys the impression that they were in communication before leaving Ireland. Thomas Dennis first appears in the West Jersey records as follows: "1684, April 1, Thomas Carelton, of Ballincarrick, County of Wicklowe, Ireland, deed, to Thomas Dennis, of Newton, Gloucester county, W. J., shoemaker, for 40 acres N. E. Newton creek."—(Ib. p. 432.) Whether he came there from Woodbridge, or was a son of the West Jersey Samuel or John, we know not. Samuel, of West Jersey, was probably the Samuel who died intestate in 1735. "Anne Dennis, letters of administration granted on estate of Samuel Dennis, of Salem, April 29,

1735"—(Records in Sec. of State's office, Trenton vol. 4. p. 1.) John 1st, of West Jersey, was we assume, the John whose will was proven of Co-hausey, Dec. 10, 1726, (vol. 2, p. 464, Ib) in which he mentions wife, son Henry, and daughters Hannah, (m. Thos. Collier probably) Rachel and Sarah. Witnesses, Thos. Waithman, Peter Fitzrandolph and Charles Dennis.

Robert Dennis, d. Dec. 31, 1790, aged 74. buried in the old churchyard in Bound Brook.

Jonathan Dennis, m. Agnes, daughter of Wm. Sharp, Feb. 6, 1710, by Rev. Mr. Wade, in Woodbridge. Had a son Samuel Dennis, b. Oct. 25, 1711.

There are records at Bloomfield of Samuel and Mary ----- Dennis, who had children: Jonathan, b. Sept. 6, 1693; Robert, b. -----, d. Jan. 17, 1702; Sarah, b. Sept. 21, 1693; Mary, b. Jan. 9, 1703; d. Oct. 1, 1706.

Mary Dennis' will, made April 18, proven Sept. 4, 1778, (vol. 21, p. 6, Trenton records) mentions sons, Richard, Patrick and John, and a niece, widow of Moses Ogden.

In June, 1775, Patrick Dennis was 1st Lieut. Second Company of Artillery in New York city. —Doc. relating to Colonial History of New York, vol. 8, p. 603.

Deborah Dennis administered on estate of Joseph Dennis Jan. 13, 1780. —Trenton records, vol. 22, p. 16.

Joseph Dennis was one of several inhabitants of New Jersey, who in 1715 pledged themselves not to allow Francis Pagit to collect money as-

sessed against them as he was not a lawful officer since the assessor was a known and open professed Roman Catholic." He signed a protest to the king in 1717 against Gov. Hunter.—Vol. 4, p. 307, N. J. Archives.

Joseph Dennis, June 10, 1685, deeded to James Clarkson in Woodbridge, land next to Samuel Dennis'.—Vol. 21, p. 228, Ib. He is believed to have been a son of Jonathan and Rachel (Moore) Dennis.

Joseph Dennis advertised in the N. Y. Gazette May 25, 1752, 150 acres of land for sale in Middletown, East Jersey, near the water side, he residing on the premises, or "James Alexander in New York will give title." Three years later the same paper, Aug. 17, 1755, advertised the same premises to be sold at auction on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 1755, by James Alexander and Ebenezer Pemberton; by John Smith, of Perth Amboy, their attorney, stating that Joseph Dennis occupied them. May not this have been the Joseph who after the sale in 1755, went to his son Ezekiel's in Wantage, Sussex county?

### Sussex and Warren County Dennises.

John Dennis, m. Jan. 26, 1800, Barbara Lantz, by Charles Cas. J. P.—Sussex county Clerk's office records. Was he the son of Nicholas Dennis, and brother to Jacob, of Knowlton, whose will is mentioned hereafter?

Were Peter and Isaac Dennis, once resident in Newton and Papakating, sons of that John? Peter died in Papakating at a very advanced age

died at 1837, at the residence of his daughter, Margaret C., born Jan. 6, 1831, wife of R. Westbrook Pellet, now (1904) living. The only son of the latter, Peter Dennis Pellet, b. Aug. 8, 1855, d. Feb. 28, 1884, unmarried. Charlotte, eldest daughter of R. W. and Margaret Pellet, m. Dr. Cannon, of Deckertown, he now (1904) deceased; Emma, second daughter, m. C. A. W. son, of Deckertown; Margaret, youngest daughter, m. John J. Staunton, of Deckertown.

Mary Dennis, m. Thomas S. Hiles, of Newton, by Rev. G. W. Lloyd. Mary and Sarah, we take to have been sisters to Peter Dennis above named.

Jacob Dennis, of Newton, m. Anna Mary Struble, of Franklin Furnace, Dec. 26, 1859, by Rev. G. W. Lloyd.

Mary Dennis and Peter Swarts were m. in Knowlton, now Warren county, by Barnabus Swayze, J. P., April 8, 1804. William Dennis, m. Elizabeth Robinson, Feb. 16, 1804, by Barnabus Swayze, J. P., in Knowlton.—Sussex county records.

Michael Heudershot's will probated in Newton, Nov. 11, 1786, mentions a daughter, "Catren" married a Dennis.

Luis Dennis, m. Catherine Longcore, Jan. 6, 1804, in Hardwicke, by Daniel Vliet, J. P.

John Dennis and Lucy his wife, of Sandyston, sold to Daniel Jagers, of Frankford, five acres in Sandyston, in 1812, which said Dennis bought of one Everett in 1810.—Sussex County Clerk's records.



Nicholas Dennis, (Sr?) April 1, 1801, of Knowlton, then Sussex, now Warren county, conveyed by deed to Abraham Dennis, blacksmith, of Knowlton, 129 acres of land which the deed (Sussex county records) recites was part of 5000 acres sold by heirs of Wm. Penn, to Jonathan Hampton, and by him was sold to Robert Hinds, who in turn sold it to said Nicholas Dennis. At the same time the said Nicholas Dennis, Sr., sold to Jacob Dennis, yeoman, of Knowlton, 150 acres of the said Penn lands. Catherine Dennis, administered on estate of Nicholas Dennis, dec., Sept. 17, 1801.—Sussex records.

Nicholas Dennis was married Aug. 29, 1797, by Jacob Senn, J. P., to Susan Kerr, in Knowlton.—Sussex county records. This was Nicholas, Jr., judging from dates, as there appears to have been a junior of that name in Warren county records. The 150 acres above mentioned were left by the will of Jacob Dennis, in which he calls Nicholas his father, to his mother Catherine Dennis (was she the dau. of Michael Hender-shot before mentioned?) and in it mentions his brothers John and Abraham, to whom he leaves his lands to be divided between them, and sisters not named—(Trenton records, March 19, 1802, vol. 40, p. 40); indicating that he died unmarried the next year after his father deeded him the lands. Abraham Dennis, of Knowlton, was married to Susannah Manning, Oct. 4, 1795, by Gabriel Ogden, J. P.—Sussex county records. The Mannings were relatives of Gov. Manning of Rhode Island. From this marriage descended

James Mannix Dennis of Wantage, who Dec. 1854, was married to Millie Winfield, of that township, by Rev. J. W. Seran, and died in Deckertown about 1895, leaving the widow and sons Theodore M. Dennis, of Deckertown; and James W. Dennis, of Middletown; also two sisters surviving him (1903.)

### Jesse Dennis, of Sussex County.

Whether Jesse Dennis was a descendant of either John, Samuel or Thomas Dennis, whose names have been mentioned as of Ireland, or whether he was a descendant of the pioneers who came from New England to Woodbridge and Shrewsbury, seems undecided. But we shall assume that he was a descendant in the following line:

#### 1ST GENERATION.

Robert Dennis from Connecticut settled at Woodbridge in 1666, had a son John.

#### 2ND GENERATION.

John, son of Robert, came with him to Woodbridge, N. J. This son, John Dennis, married Sarah Bloomfield, Dec. 16, 1668, and among other children had a son, John, Jr., b. Sept. 9, 1669.

#### 3D GENERATION.

John Dennis, Jr., married Rachel Hull, April 8, 1694, and among other children had a son Joseph.

## 4TH GENERATION.

This son, Joseph Dennis, b. a May 8, 1697, is the one who we believe to be the Joseph who made his will in Newtown (will so dated probably drawn there, although he resided then in the precinct of Wantage) Sussex county, N. J., Sept. 29, 1767, which was probated April 7, 1770.—Trenton records, vol. 15, p. 34. Here we begin the recognized family tree.

Exactly how Joseph came to locate in Wantage we have no means of knowing, but he appears to have owned lands in South Jersey from other transactions which appear on record. That he died in Sussex county is shown by the probate of the will. We shall assume that the place of his death was in Wantage township, where the ruins of the homestead are said to have been in the forks of the road near the present (1904) residence of Andrew Roy, where the road to Beaver Run starts up the hill. Who he married has not been made known to us, nor his place of burial. The names of some of his children have been made known in his will, and we shall begin to number them thus; calling the father No. 1.

2. Joseph 2nd.

3. Ezekiel. This son appears to have been the pioneer settler in Sussex county, N. J., of the Dennis family as a matter of record, for at a term of the court in the county the next year after its organization (May 30, 1754) he was appointed one of Overseers of the Poor for the precinct of Wantage. It seems reasonable that his

location may have induced his father to come in this county. Joseph Sharp and his mother, Elizabeth, executors of Joseph Sharp, dec., sold 182 acres of land in Papakating to Ezekiel Dennis, March 20, 1775, lands now (1903) owned by Samuel E. Dennis. He probably had this land in occupation for some time before its purchase. March 5, 1880, he sold to Joseph Sharp, two tracts of land in Vernon, beginning at a tree at the east end of swamp, which he had purchased of James Parker in 1775. This is the last we find of his record.

4. John. Nothing recorded of him.

5. Nathaniel. Nothing recorded of him.

The family is traditionally reported to have been of the Quaker belief. Joseph 1st probably died about in March, 1770, as his will was proven April 7, 1770. It was witnessed by Hugh and Patrick Hoggerty and Joseph Barton. In it he bequeathed to his sons Joseph and Ezekiel, his real estate, not specifically designating it, on condition that they were to pay Nathaniel £30 and John £2. If we are correct in our line of his ancestry he was 72 years and ten months old at his death. He was at one time a resident of Quakertown in Bucks County, Pa., where his family is conjectured to have accompanied him. His son Ezekiel appears to have gone to Wantage instead of Quakertown. See his appointment to office of Overseer of poor in 1751 in Wantage. An extensive Quaker settlement was in Quaker town at that time, and records show his eldest

son Joseph to have been located there.

### 5TH GENERATION.

#### NO. 2 JOSEPH DENNIS, 2d

owned land in Quakertown, Pa., in 1739 and is therefore presumed to have been at least 21 years old at that time. He married there May 20th 1752, Hannah Lewis daughter of Lewis Lewis. She was born Feb. 5th 1730. In 1763 he sold his property in Quakertown, and came to Sussex County where his father then was at Ezekiel's presumably. As his father appears to have been feeble (we see he made his will in 1767). Joseph possibly moved to the homestead in Wantage in 1766 to assist Ezekiel in caring for him until his death two years afterward. At all events, Joseph 2d, with his family, came to this county and lived and died it is believed in the old house which once stood in the forks of the road we have mentioned in Wantage. We have no record of his wife's death, nor of their place of burial. Their children were:

6. Ezekiel 3d, b. June 12, 1753.

7. Jesse, b. Jan. 30, 1755.

8. Sarah, b. April 11, 1757. Farther records unknown.

9. Anne, b. Oct. 11, 1758, m. Daniel Wil-

Lewis, b. April 22, 1761.

Joseph 3d, b. July 18, 1763.

Hannah, b. May 22, 1765. Farther records unknown.

Joseph 2d died intestate, as Trenton records,

Vol 29, p. 489; show that Jesse was appointed his administrator Aug. 15, 1787. He probably died in summer of 1787, place of burial unknown. His wife was dead probably at that time, since we see that Jesse was appointed administrator.

#### 6TH GENERATION.

##### NO. 6 EZEKIEL DENNIS 2D.

Ezekiel Dennis, 2d, enlisted in the Revolutionary army. Stryker's list of officers and men of the Revolution gives his rank as that of Ensign in Capt. Rosenkrans' company, Third Battalion, Second establishment, Nov. 29, 1780. It is not known that he ever married, and he left no children. Samuel Shepard Dennis was admitted to the order of the Cincinnati subsequently, by showing his descent from Ezekiel 2d's father.

##### NO. 7. JESSE DENNIS

Jesse Dennis, of whom we first set out to write, was born in Quakertown, Pa., and came with his parents to the homestead in Wantage, in 1768. He is reported to have been a Quaker. He married, Oct. 18, 1781, at Newton, by the Quaker ritual, Ann Schooley, daughter of Benjamin Schooley, of Schooley's Mountain, now in Warren county. She was born Jan. 13, 1759 and died May 21, 1785. Two children were the fruits of their marriage:

13. Ezekiel 3d, b. Sept. 2, 1782.

14. Schooley b. Sept. 13, 1784.

Jesse married again, May 16, 1787. His second wife was Martha McCoy, daughter of John Mc-

Coy, who was a pioneer settler in Wantage township and near Roy's station. John McCoy's homestead is now the farm owned by John Roy, in Wantage. This marriage was also by Quaker ritual, and the following is a verbatim copy of the certificate, the original of which is in the writer's possession:

"Whereas Jesse Dennis, of Wantage, in the county of Sussex and Province of New Jersey, and Martha McCoy, of the same place, having declared their intention of marriage with each other before several monthly meetings of the people called Quakers in the counties of Sussex and of Hunterdon, in the province aforesaid, according to the good order there amongst them, whose proceedings therein after a deliberate consideration thereof, and having consent of parents and relations concerned, nothing appearing to obstruct, were approved of by the said meetings.

Now there are to certify all when it may concern that for the full accomplishment of their said intentions, this sixteenth day of the fifth month, Anno Domini, 1787, they the said Jesse Dennis and Martha McCoy appeared in a public meeting of the said called Quakers at Hardwicke, and the said Jesse Dennis taking the said Martha McCoy by the hand, did in a solemn manner openly declare that he took her to be his wife, promising through divine assistance to be a loving and faithful husband till death should separate them, or words to that effect; and then and there, in the same assembly, she the said Martha

McCoy, did in like manner declare that she took him, the said Jesse Dennis to be her husband promising through divine assistance to be a loving and faithful wife till death should separate them, or words to that effect; and moreover the said Jesse Dennis and Martha McCoy, she according to the custom of marriage assuming the name of her husband as a further confirmation thereof, did then and there to these presents set their hands; and we whose names are hereunder subscribed, being amongst others present at the solemnization of their said marriage and subscription in manner aforesaid, as witnesses therunto, have also to these presents set our hands the day and year above written.

JESSE DENNIS.

MARTHA DENNIS.

Anne Willson

Jane Silverthorn

Sarah Willson

Joseph Lundy

Elizabeth Willson

Ephraim Green

Daniel Lundy

Jacob Lundy, Jr.

Coziah Willson

Elizabeth Willson

Ebenezer Willson

Benjamin Snowell, Jr.

Daniel Willson

Samuel Willson

Anne Willson

Eljah Collins

William Silverthorn

Elizabeth Lundy

Elizabeth Willson

Reuben Lundy

Gabriel Willson

Sarah Lundy

Henry Widdefield

Jonathan Lundy

Benjamin Schooley

Amy Shotwell Jr.

Samuel Lundy

Levi Lundy."

On the back of the foregoing certificate is a



record of Jesse's death in the following words:

"He died the 27th day of the 9th month and second of the week betwixt the hours of eight and nine in the morning in the year 1802, and was buried the 28th of the same—aged forty-seven years, seven months and twenty-seven days."

The marriage certificate's statement as to consent of "relations" is corroborated in part by the appearance of Benjamin Schooley's signature among the witnesses—he being the father of his first wife, if we mistake not, and by the presence of a number of the Willson's, of whom his sister Annie had married Daniel Willson. His second wife lived to a very old age, and there are persons yet living (in 1904) who remember to have seen "Aunt Patty." She was born May 7th, 1760 and died Jan. 21st 1849, interment in the Papakating cemetery (Deckertown Union.) Her will probated Feb. 6th 1849 (Sussex County records) provides:

"First I give and bequeath to my son John Dennis, and the children, heirs of Louis Dennis, dec., all my real and personal estate to be equally divided by them, subject to pay all my debts.

Second, I give and bequeath to my son Jesse Dennis \$200." *(The remainder)*

John Dennis was her executor.

A deed on record in Sussex County Clerk's Office dated May 23th, 1811, signed by Ezekiel Dennis and Mary his wife, of Newton, and Schooley Dennis and Ann his wife, of Newton, conveys to Martha McCoy, widow, two equal

one-fifths of the real estate of Jesse Dennis, deceased. It recites that John Lion, William A. Ryerson and George Backster had been appointed by the court to settle the estate of Jesse Dennis, deceased."

The foregoing deed appears to have been a sale by the two sons Ezekiel and Schooley, of their rights in their father's real estate to their stepmother. Their brother Nathaniel is reported not to have died until thirty-eight years later, yet with him, if then living, there were six children; hence the sale of two-fifths as their share, gives the inference that only five children were then living. Ezekiel was then custodian of Nathaniel, because "Ezekiel Dennis was appointed guardian of Nathaniel Dennis in 1810 by D. Stuart," surrogate in Sussex county.

Letters of administration were granted Martha Dennis, widow on estate of Jesse Dennis, deceased, Oct. 25th, 1802.—Vol. 40, p. 187 Trenton records. Children of second wife:

15. John 2d, b., May 12, 1793.
16. Joseph, 4th., b. May 20th, 1790, d. March 14th, 1794.
17. Jesse 2d, b. Oct. 18th. 1791.
18. Nathaniel 2d, b. Oct. 24th. 1793, d. Jan. 2d, 1849, unmarried.
19. Louis 2d, b. Nov. 11th, 1798.

#### NO. 10. LOUIS OR LEWIS DENNIS.

Louis Dennis (recollections of Joseph Dyer, of John-on-sburg) m. Mary Dyer. He came from

Bucks Co., Pa. and lived at Johnsonsburg. She was a daughter of James and Elizabeth Atkinson Dyer, and James was a son of Josiah and Rachel (Schooler) Dyer, and was born in Buckstown, Plumstead township, Bucks county, Pa. Mary (Dyer) Dennis upon her death was buried in the old Quaker graveyard. Her husband then m. Miss Teyler, and they went to Canada, where they had children, but did not live long. Louis Dennis bought of Joseph Britton, miller, the mill and 30 47-100 acres of land in Hardyston, Sussex Co., (Hardystonville) April 15, 1797, and sold it to John Crawford five days later. Josiah Dyer, d. aged 97, "before I was born in 1825," and "James Dyer in 1829 or 30, aged 67," says Joseph, above quoted. James had five children, the eldest of whom was Mary, who m. Louis Dennis. "Josiah Dyer's father settled in Doylestown, Bucks Co., Pa., in 1701." The children of Lewis and Mary (Dyer) Dennis were:

a. Isaac, at one time guardian of Joseph Dyer (quoted). He married Huldah Cummins Shaw in 1812, aunt to the late Geo. C. Shaw, of Newton. They had eight children "born in the stone part of this house I call my den."—Jos. Dyer. They later moved to Log Jail. The children were: Mary, Sarah Haggerty, Lewis, James D., d. in 1820; Joseph Hendrie, who d. Dec. 9, 1860, unmarried, at Atlanta, Ga.; Robert Tingley; Thomas A.; and Margaretta, d. April 8, 1834. Of the foregoing, Mary, m. a Blair and lived in Newton with her daughter Mrs. Adams.

## NO. 14. JOSEPH DENNIS, 3d.

Joseph Dennis, 3d. m., May 26, 1706, by Rev. Thomas Teasdale, in Vernon, Christian Town. Cannot positively assert that the above record of marriage in the Sussex county Clerk's office, is that of Joseph 3d. who would then have been 33 years old. Cannot find descendants. The will of Drake Lunn, probated Jan. 7, 1828, in Sussex county, speaks of his wife Susan (wh), and children Christian, Daniel, and Abraham Rogers. Drake was a son of Daniel, who came to Sussex from Piscataway. Drake's brother Daniel, was the father of Oscar Lunn, of Wentage.

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## NO. 15. EZEKIEL DENNIS, 3d.

Ezekiel 3d, m., Sept. 16, 1711, Mary Baldwin, dau. of Benjamin and Isabella (Wright) Baldwin, of Newton. She was b. Jan. 1, 1789, d. Feb. 1, 1821. They resided in Newton, where Ezekiel was a surveyor and also was engaged in business. Ezekiel Dennis was a witness to Richard Westbrook's, of Wentage, will, made Feb. 9, 1806. Snell's History of Sussex and Warren, p. 256, says: "About 1820, the firm of Ryerson & Dennis—David Ryerson and Ezekiel Dennis, were among the business firms." Upon his wife's death he m. second, Feb. 10, 1821, Sarah (Baldwin) Smith. She was a widow and sister to his first wife. She d. Dec. 3, 1873, aged 55 years. He d. Oct. 7, 1832. Interment in Newton. Children by first wife

20. Ann b. July 20, 1815, d. July 31, 1872.

unmarried.

21. Alfred Lewis, b. April 4, 1817.
  22. Mary Isabella, b. Jan. 14, 1820.
  23. Frances Howell, b. Nov. 11, 1821.
  24. Martha Ryerson, b. April 26, 1823.
- By second wife:
25. Sarah Malvina, b. Nov. 14, 1828.

#### NO. 14. SCHOOLLEY DENNIS

married Sept. 23, 1809, in Sussex county. Anna, dau. of John and Sarah (Givens) Mabey. She was b. Feb. 1, 1789 in Sussex county, d. Jan. 3, 1870, at Waverford, Oakland county, Mich. He d. at Independence, Oakland county, Mich., March 8, 1869, and was buried at Sushaban Plains. He moved from Sussex county, New Jersey to Michigan in 1838 and located at Independence. Children:

26. Jesse 2d, b. Aug. 23, 1810, in Sussex county, d. July 3, 1857, in that county, unmarried.
27. Susan, b. Aug. 15, 1812, in Sussex county.

#### NO. 15. JOHN DENNIS 2d,

married Diademia Tingley, Sept. 9, 1809. She was b. Jan. 5, 1788. They resided on the farm in Wantage township, in Sussex county, now (1904) owned by Warren D. Haggerty and occupied by his son, Joseph Haggerty. Diademia Tingley's parents are unknown to us, but she was a relative of the Joseph Tingley who settled in Somerset county this state before the Rev-

lution. H. named Christian Manning, sister to James Manning, President of Brown University, located at Warren, afterwards moved to Providence R. I. Susannah Manning who m. Abraham Dennis in Newilton Warren county, was of the same family. Joseph and Christian (Manning) Tingley were driven out of Somerset county by the British in the Revolution and they fled to Schooley's mountain. Joseph, with his two eldest sons Ebenezer and Jeremiah, went to Gen. Washington and offered their services. They served during the war. After the war they resided in Somerset county. Joseph and Christian had eight children: Eunice; Abigail, b. Sept. 16, 1765; Sally; Ebenezer; Jeremiah; Joseph; John; Christian. Abigail m. Rev. Thomas Coad, who is buried in Beemerville cemetery this county. She d. Aug. 20, 1825, near Greenville, Ohio.

John Dennis, d. about 1854-5. His wife some years before that. They were buried in Papakating (Deckertown) Union cemetery. Children.

28. Joseph 5th, b. Sept. 29, 1810.
29. James, b. Dec. 11, 1811. (Bible record)
30. Evi, b. May 9, 1813.
31. Nathaniel 3d, b. Oct. 5, 1815, d. unmarried in 1849.
32. John Tingley, b. Sept. 12, 1817.
33. Mary, }
34. Elizabeth, } twins, b. May 20, 1819.
35. Ezekiel 4th, b. July 19, 1820.
36. Sarah or Matilda, b. d. infant.

37. Andrew Jackson, b. Nov. 28, 1801

38. David, b. 1828?

NO. 17. JESSE DENNIS 2D.

married Margaret Ann Barton, of Branchville, and they resided for a time on the farm now (1904) owned by Samuel Dennis, near Roy's station in Wantage. In 1834 they removed to Salisbury Township near Evansburg, in western Pennsylvania, where he d. on Thursday, May 21, 1877, aged 85 yrs., 7 mos. and 6 ds. His wife d. Sept. 20, 1854, aged 87 years and four months. The obituary in a local newspaper is hereto appended, some errors noticeable.

From the Meadville Journal, May 31, 1877.

Death of an old citizen, Thursday, May 24.—Jesse Dennis died at his residence in Salisbury township, near Evansburg, in the 77th year of his age. His remains were buried Saturday in the cemetery near Evansburg. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Wick, of Evansburg, a large concourse of citizens being in attendance to pay the last tribute of respect to a departed friend. The grandparents of Mr. Dennis were Quakers. They came to this country with Wm. Penn and settled in Quakertown, near Philadelphia. Jesse Dennis, the father of the deceased, removed from Quakertown to Sussex Co., N. J., where he lived during the Revolutionary war. His family consisted of six boys, of which the deceased was next to the youngest. He removed to this county in 1839 and has since that time lived on the farm where he died.

## Children:

39. William, b. Feb. 15, 1821.
40. Robert John, b. July 20, 1824.
41. Cynthia, b. Aug. 29, 1827.
42. Lucille, b. May 22, 1822.
43. Martha, b. ——— 1818..
44. Margaret Ann, b. June 10, 1825, d. unmarried, Jan 10, 1850.

## NO. 19. LEWIS DENNIS, 2ND.

Married, Oct. 25, 1818, Charlotte Turner, b. July 19, 1801, d. March 31, 1866. He d. Aug. 16, 1836. (Aged 46 yrs., 9 mos., 6 days, on stone in Papakating cemetery.) They were farmers and lived in Papakating near Roys station. Children:

45. Rachel, b. Sept. 29, 1819, d. Dec. 15, 1877, unmarried, in Hardyston township, Sussex county.
46. James Alfred, b. Aug. 23, 1822.
47. Samuel 1st, b. Nov. 5, 1824.
48. Eleanor, b. Sept. 7, 1823, d. in Deckertown, April 18, 1900, unmarried. Buried in Papakating cemetery.
49. Dorcas, b. Jan. 22, 1832.
50. Jesse 3d, b. March 28, 1835.

## 5TH GENERATION.

## NO. 21. ALFRED LEWIS DENNIS

was born in Newton, Sursex county. He had as instructors Rev. Clarkson N. Dunn and Dr. Harvey Hallock in his young days. He went to Newark when thirteen years old to seek employ-



ment, and secured a situation as clerk in a grocery for a short time. He saw an advertisement from William Tuttle, keeper of a book store, for a boy to learn the bookbinding business, and applied for the position at once. He got the situation and Mr. Tuttle took him as an apprentice, to board with him. John Smith was foreman of the bindery. Young Mr. Dennis took up a study of the business and mastered its details rapidly. He soon knew the titles of books on the shelves, their cost and selling prices, and where to find them. He was allowed to act as clerk of evenings. Soon Mr. Tuttle placed him in the store as clerk when he was away. Not only did he study the methods of sales, but he stored their contents in his mind as opportunity presented. When his 21st year arrived, he bought the book store on terms which were satisfactory to Mr. Tuttle, although he had no capital to speak of. He carried new methods into practice and his sales increased rapidly. He imported leathers for binding and it proved very profitable. Soon after Mr. Tuttle's death he purchased the real estate comprising the book store. Then he accepted in 1849, an interest in the commission and banking house of Abram Bell & Co., of New York, which proved very profitable, and in order to devote attention to it admitted his brother, Martin R. Dennis, to a partnership in the book store. Later he sold all his interest in the store to Martin R.

Later he was elected a director in the Newark Banking & Insurance Co and also a director of

the Newark Howard Savings Bank.

He was married Sept. 14, 1841, at Norfolk, Conn., by Rev. Jos. Eldridge, to Miss Eliza Abigail Shepherd, daughter of Col. James and Abigail Shepherd, of that place. She was b. Aug. 11, 1820, d. Feb. 24, 1881, in Newark. They resided in Newark. He took stock in the Naugatuck Railroad, and became its Vice-President. He was later elected president of the New Jersey Railroad & Transportation Co.

In 1866 he agreed to establish a free public library in Newton—his native town—and gave \$25,000 to that end. The building was dedicated in Newton, Nov. 28, 1872. Col. Robert Hamilton and Judge Martin Ryerson, making the principal addresses. It is to-day the pride of that enterprising town. He m. for a second wife, Jeannetta T. Cooper, at Boonton, Dec. 24, 1884. He d. Dec. 8, 1890, at Park Place, in Newark. His success in life was astonishing, and shows what careful and prudent management may do. Children by first marriage:

51. James Shephard, b. in Newark, Dec. 15, 1842.

52. Eliza, b. in Newark, Feb. 12, 1844, d. Feb. 14, 1844.

53. Alfred Lewis 2nd, b. in Newark, June 2, 1846, d. May 15, 1857.

54. Martin Samuel, b. in Newark, June 2, 1846, d. June 12, 1848.

55. Laura, b. in Newark, June 28, 1848, d. July 10, 1848.

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56. Frederick Shepherd, b. in Newark, April 17, 1850.

57. Samuel Shepherd, b. in Newark, Sept. 11, 1850.

58. Warren Egerton, b. Sept. 23, 1854, in Norfolk, Conn.

59. Mary Filze, b. July 21, 1861, in Norfolk.

## NO. 22. MARY ISABEL DENNIS,

Married Samuel Shepherd, b. Dec. 10, 1814.

He d. Jan. 14, 1872. She d. in 1876. Children:

Edward Martin Shepard, b. May 15, 1854. He m. Harriet Eliza Ohlen, June 28, 1882. Children: Isabella Violet, b. Aug. 23, 1887, and Edward Martin, b. Aug. 27, 1888.

## NO. 23. FRANCES HOWELL DENNIS,

Married James Harvey Camp. They had one child—Anna Josephine Camp. All are now dead.

## NO. 24. MARTIN RYERSON DENNIS,

Married, April 24, 1830, in New York city, by Rev. Dr. Hutton, Josephine Rose, daughter of Joseph Rose, b. March 11, 1832. He bought the book store of his brother Alfred Lewis Dennis, in Newark, before alluded to, and published many valuable historical works. He d. in Newark, Feb. 1, 1881. He is remembered as a talented physician, graduated in 1847 from the University of New York, and a worthy man. Children:

61. Martin, b. Jan. 8, 1851.

62. Joseph Rose, b. April 14, 1851.

63. Alfred Lewis 3d. b. Oct. 26, 1857.

NO 25 SARAH MALVINA DENNIS,

Was born in Newton, m. Edward Anderson Lewis, b. April 18, 1829, in Lewisburg, Wantage township, Sussex county. Children: Alfred Dennis Lewis, b. March 12, 1857, at Bridgeport, Conn.; Sarah Frances Lewis, b. Oct. 24, 1858, d. Dec. 11, 1861; Herbert Edward Lewis, b. April 26, 1861, d. April 29, 1862. Alfred Dennis Lewis above named, m., June 2, 1886, Mary Runette Welch, b. Dec. 23, 1860.

NO 27 SUSAN DENNIS.

Married in Newton, Jan. 11, 1833, William Marris. They went from Sussex county, N. J. to Pontiac, Michigan in 1838, at the time her father, Schooley Dennis, went to Independence, Oakland county, Michigan. She died there (Pontiac) April 22, 1836; he (William Marris) d. there Dec. 17, 1832. They were both buried in Sashabaw Plains, Oakland Co., Michigan.

They had four children: Jesse Dennis, b. in Sussex Co., N. J., Nov. 7, 1833; Anna Marris, b. in Sussex Co., May 14, 1835; Sarah Jane Marris, b. in Sussex Co., Jan. 5, 1837; and Susan Marris, b. in Pontiac, Michigan, March 15, 1839. Susan Marris last named, d. at Brandon, Oakland Co., Mich., Feb. 20, 1841, interred in Sashabaw Plains. Of the above three surviving children:

Jesse Dennis Marris m. Jane Sackett, of Assyria, Barry Co., Mich., April 3, 1866, to whom were b. four children. Anna Lauretta, b. July

19, 1857, at Assyria, d. Nov. 23, 1873 at that place, interred in Sashaban Plains. Buddington Chapman, b. March 31, 1869 at Assyria, m. in 1891 (name of wife and residence unknown in 1903); Lottie Pearl b. Sept. 20, 1875, unmarried in 1903, residence 535 Ashland Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.; Arthur Earl, b. Nov. 10, 1877, unmarried in 1903, at Chicago, Ill. Jane Sacket Marrs, d. in Chicago, Ill., April 25, 1878, interred in Assyria, Barry Co., Mich. Her husband, Jesse Dennis Marrs, b. 1903, resided in Waterford, Oakland Co., Mich.

Anna, second child of William and Susan Morris, b. Dec. 3, 1857, Nelson Ross Ormang, in Waterford Mich. He d. there Jan. 18, 1892, interred in Sashaban Plains. She was living in 1903, in Waterford, Mich. Children: Eliza Ross Ormang b. Oct. 23, 1879, at that residence, Mich.; b. Peter Erb, M. D., b. Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 10, 1879 at Waterford, Mich., present residence, 535 Ashland Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

The third child, Susan Dennis Marrs, b. at Pontiac, Mich., March 13, 1832, d. in Brandon, Oakland Co., Mich., Feb. 27, 1841, buried at Sashaban Plains.

Saron Jane, fourth child of William and Susan Dennis Marrs, b. in Sussex county, Jan. 5, 1837, m. May 11, 1864, Buddington Chapman, at Waterford, Mich., to whom were born one child, Sept. 16, 1873, Jesse Harold Chapman, at Independence, Mich. Jesse H. died m. Addie A. b. Barry, Mich. 10, 1867, Buddington

Chapman d. Feb. 12, 1896, at Independence, buried in Pontiac. His widow resides in Pontiac as does her son, in 1903.

NO 28 JOSEPH DENNIS 5TH.

Married first. Phylah Parcel, dau. of John and Sarah (McCoy) Parcel, of Wantage, Sussex Co., N. J., b. Oct. 5, 1815, d. April 24, 1837 (stone in Papakating cemetery near Deckertown). He d. March 6, 1887, aged 76yrs. 5mos. 7ds. They resided on the farm now owned by W. D. Haggerty, near Roy's station, in Wantage. John Parcel, above named, b. Sept. 8, 1786, m. Sarah McCoy, dau. of Samuel McCoy of Wantage. She was b. Oct. 2, 1792, d. July 24, 1855. They had three sons and five daughters, of whom Samuel Parcel, b. June 22, 1813, now (1904) resides with Brice Roy in Wantage. Joseph and Phylah (Parcel) Dennis had one child:

64. Sarah, b. Dec. 29, 1835.

He m. second, in Jan. 1840, Eliza J. Comstock, dau. of Mathew, of Wantage, b. Aug. 21, 1789, and Eunice Waterman, b. April 21, 1796. Mrs. Eliza J. (Comstock) Dennis, b. Sept. 17, 1815 or 1816, d. April 8, 1877, aged 60yrs. 6mos. 23ds., at the Dennis home farm. He d. there March 6, 1887. Both buried in Papakating cemetery. Children:

65. Charles H. b. Oct. 20, 1840.

66. John Wesley, b. April 15, 1842.

67. Lewis 3d, b. Dec. 9, 1843, d. young.

68. Harriet, b. Nov. 21, 1845, d. young.

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69. Ann Appleton, b. Jan. 16, 1847.
70. Louise, b. Oct. 3, 1849.
71. John, b. June 18, 1851.
72. Emily, b. July 2, 1853.
73. Joseph Mathew, b. Feb. 24, 1856.
74. David Ed., b. March 16, 1858.
75. Frances Augusta, b. March 18, 1860, re-  
siding at Newton, unmarried in 1904.

## NO. 29. JAMES DENNIS.

Married first Nov. 17, 1832, Mary (Polly)  
Harker, b. May 12, 1813, d. Oct. 28, 1881 (stone  
in Papakating cemetery). They lived near Un-  
ionville. Children:

76. Harker, b. April 20, 1837.
77. Jeaneen, b. Aug. 27, 1839, d. April 4,  
1890.
78. Jane, b. Jan. 6, 1842.
79. Eliza, b. Jan. 28, 1844.
80. Mary, b. Oct. 10, 1845, Nov. 13, 1845, d.  
May 16, 1847, unmarried.

He m. second in 1852, Catherine C. (stone  
St. d. Sept. 3, 1857, aged 21 yrs. 6 mos. 2 ds.  
(stone in Papakating cemetery). He m. March  
19, 1863, at Unionville, N. Y., married in Papak-  
ating cemetery. Children:

81. Ophelia, b. --- d. in Beckertown, un-  
married, May 30, 1897, age 43 yrs. 1 mo. 17 ds.  
(on stone in Papakating cemetery).
82. A daughter, an infant.

## NO. 30. FREDERICK

Married April 3, 1832, d. 1890, Alvirah Parvel,

sister to wife of No. 28, Joseph Dennis 5th, heretofore given. She was b. Nov. 25, 1811, d. Jan. 31, 1842 (stone in Papakating cemetery). He d. March 13, 1876, aged 62yrs. 10mos. 4ds. They resided on a farm in Wautage, adjoining that of No. 28. Children:

83. Phebe, b. June 25, 1833.

84. Phylah E., b. Sept. 9, 1835.

85. Lewis 4th, b. July 26, 1840, d. June 8, 1841.

86. Isabella, b. April 18, 1841, d. June 14, 1904, in Ridgeberry, N. Y., unmarried.

He m. second, Elizabeth Parcel, b. Feb. 19, 1825, sister to his first wife. She is living in 1904 in Lafayette. He d. March 18, 1876, buried in Papakating cemetery. Children:

87. Alnibrah, b. June 19, 1852, Bible record. Other records say May 2, 1853.

88. Mary C., b. March 12, 1855, Bible record. Other records say March 21, 1856.

89. Ophelia, b. May 21, 1858.

89½. Randolph, b. July 5, 1860.

### 32 JOHN TINGREY DENNIS.

Married first, Eliza McCoy, Jan. 14, 1834, by Rev. Thomas Davis. She d. June 28, 1857, aged 35yrs. 10mos. 11ds. (stone in Papakating cemetery). He married second, her sister, Zillah McCoy, now (1904) living near Butler N. J. He d. May 29, 1864, buried in Papakating cemetery. Child by last wife:

90. Infant son, d. Dec. 6, 1863.



## NO. 33. MARY DENNIS.

Twin sister to Elizabeth, m. May 9, 1840, William Kinney, of Andover, Sussex county, N. J. He was b. May 1, 1812, a son of David, b. 1779, d. 1854, and Mary (Mowrie) Kinney. He and she d. some years before 1903, at Andover. Children: Horatio N. Kinney, b. Dec. 19, 1839, who represented Sussex county in the Assembly for three terms, and lives (1904) in Andover; Martin R. Kinney; Diodema Kinney, m. Alfred Leder, of New York; Jane Kinney, m. E. Meacham, a M. E. Minister; David Kinney; Sarah Ann Kinney, m. Joseph Loringe, of Sparta; Isabella Kinney, unmarried; William Kinney; Ella Kinney, m. Garret Hopkins of Sparta; Lydia Kinney, m. John Hart, of New York; John Kinney, Elizabeth Kinney, m. first ——— Hoffman. Second Dr. Andress, of Sparta.

## NO. 34. ELIZABETH DENNIS,

Twin sister of Mary, m. Samuel Parcel, b. June 22d, 1813, d. May 8, 1889. He was a son of John and Sarah (McCoy) Parcel, before mentioned. Samuel and Mary resided about a mile and a half south of Deckertown, the homestead farm now (1904) being owned by their son, Simeon M. Parcel. She d. about 1898, both buried in Papakating cemetery. Children: Harriet Parcel, m. William Miller, of Newton; Martha, m. ——— Foster; Mary m. Samuel Havens and d. in 1904 at the residence of her brother Simeon M., her husband having deceased some time before her, two children, a son and

daughter, surviving them; Simeon M., m. Margaret Vandruft, of Wantage. She d. May 28, 1890. He in 1904 owning and residing in the homestead; Anzi Parcer m. Belle Drew, and they reside (1904) in Newton; Phylah Parcer, m. ---- McCoy of Orange Co., N. Y.

## NO. 35. EZEKIEL DENNIS 5TH.

Married in Oct. 1848, Mary Decker, b. July 3, 1825, sister to the late ex-Sheriff, James L. Decker, of Sparta, Sussex Co., N. J. They removed to Oakland Co., Mich., where he is living (1904). She d. some years ago. Children:

91. 'Anzy, b. Sept. 11, 1849.
92. Gabriel P., b. June 17, 1854.
93. John H., b. May 15, 1860.

## 37. ANDREW JACKSON DENNIS,

Was m. Jan. 28, 1854, to Miss Elizabeth Depue, of Hainesville, Sussex county, by Rev. Peter Kanouse, of Leemerville. She was b. Sept. 8, 1830, d. Feb. 27, 1894. They resided for many years on the farm in Wantage, near Reys, adjoining the farm on which Joseph Dennis 5th resided. He d. March 17, 1878. Children:

94. Sarah Ann, b. Oct. 15, 1854.
95. William Clarence b. Oct. 4, 1857, d. unmarried.
96. Emma Depue, b. Sept. 27, 1859.
97. Jennie Alice, b. Sept. 7, 1861.
98. Martha L., b. Aug. 13, 1872, d. an infant.
99. Ella Keron, b. Aug. 13, 1863.
100. Andrew J., d. July 13, 1865.

101. Maria Elizabeth, b. Oct. 5, 1856.

102. David, b. Oct. 11, 1869.

NO. 38. DAVID DENNIS, JR.

Married Lydia Force, b. July 12, 1830, d. of John Force. They resided in Hardyston township. He d. Feb. 2, 1864, aged 36, and she d. Oct. 26, 1897. Buried in the cemetery at Hamburg, Sussex county. Children:

103. John T., b. March 21, 1856.

104. Theodore R., b. Jan. 16, 1853.

NO. 39. WILLIAM DENNIS

Married Nov. 23, 1850, Martha McQueen, of Northwestern Pa. They resided on a farm near Evansburg, Pa. He d. Nov. 26, 1894. Children:

104. Ella, b. June 17, 1858, now (1904) unmarried and living with her mother, near Evansburg, Pa.

105. Herbert J., b. Dec. 13, 1861.

106. Victor H., b. Sept. 17, 1863.

107. Mary, b. July 20, 1864.

NO. 40. ROBERT JOHN DENNIS

Married Dec. 16, 1862, Malinda Madeline MacKay, of Conestoga Lake, Pa. He died Sept. 16, 1897. Children:

108. Alfred Lewis 3d, b. July 27, 1864.

109. Martin Robert, b. April 2, 1868.

110. Charles Barton, b. Aug. 24, 1873.

111. Jeanetta Florence, b. April 20, 1866, d. in 1903, unmarried.

NO. 41. CYNTHIA DENNIS

Married Aug. 13, 1873, Thomas McQueen, of

Coneant Lake, Pa. He d. some years ago. She (1904) lived in Sligo, Clarion Co., Pa. Children: Glenroie McQueen, Clarence McQueen, Grace McQueen and Mabel M. McQueen.

NO. 42. LUCILLE DENNIS,

Married Wallace Hood, of Western Pennsylvania. She d. March 27, 1901. Had seven children, five girls and two boys—names not known to us.

NO. 43. MARTHA DENNIS,

Married first, Ezra Williams, of Essex Co., N. J., in the spring of 1835, in New Jersey; moved from Sussex Co., N. J., west in 1856, he dying in the fall of 1862. She m. second, Murdock McQuiston, of near Coneant Lake, Western Pennsylvania, in 1866. He d. in 1882. Eleven children: Margaret, married Hamilton; Sarah, married McQueen; Charlotte, married Doane; Robert Williams; Mary Ann, married McMichael; Josephine, married Nicholas; Samuel Williams; Nathaniel, died in the west nine years ago (1895) Amos Williams, Moses, and Jessie, d. in infancy.

NO. 46. JAMES ALFRED DENNIS.

Married Jan. 6, 1849, Martha Mabee, b. March 18, 1829, in Wantage, Sussex county, d. May 5, 1891. They owned the farm near Roys, in Wantage, now owned by Samuel Dennis, and d. there. This farm is no doubt part of the tract owned by the pioneer Dennis settlers. He d. May 24, 1891. Children:

1. Martin L., d. July 8, 1861, aged 11 yrs. Smcs. 1748.

- 113. Infant, d. young.
- 114. Martin Lewis, b. Nov. 21, 1849, d. July 8, 1861.
- 115. Samuel P., b. Oct. 21, 1851.
- 116. Rachel Irene, b. April 2, 1860.
- 117. Alfred, b. Aug. 24, 1864, d. Oct. 8, 1864.

## NO 47 SAMUEL DENNIS.

Married Sarah VanFleet, of near Quarryville. She was b. Jan. 14, 1831, a dau. of James. Mr. Dennis was a Justice of the Peace for many years in Deckertown. He was a captain in the Civil war, and a man of integrity and courage. He and his wife died within a few hours of each other in Deckertown, April 21, 1891, leaving no children surviving.

## NO 49 DORCAS DENNIS.

Married Lewis J. Havens, of Wantage, b. April 30, 1823, d. Oct. 6, 1897, near Deckertown. She is living (1904) in Deckertown. Children: Dennis Havens, of Hamburg; Charlotte Havens, m. Marshall VanSickle, of Deckertown, son of Hiram V. VanSickle, of Wantage.

## NO 50 JESSE DENNIS JR

Married Sept. 28, 1864, Anna Mary Mabce, b. July 25, 1844. They resided in Hardyston township, Sussex county for many years. He d. Nov. 30, 1889. Interred in Papakating cemetery. She is living (1904) in Deckertown. Children:

- 118. May, b. May 16, 1865, d. May 15, 1888, unmarried.

## OTH GENERATION.

## NO. 51 JAMES SHEPARD DENNIS,

Married, June 26, 1872, in Newark, by Rev. J. H. McIlvaine, Mary Pinneo. He graduated from Princeton University and Princeton Theological Seminary. Upon his accession to the ministry he became a missionary to Beyrout, in Assyria, where he resided for many years. He is the author of several religious works. In 1903 he, with his family, were residing at 17 East 37th Street, New York city. Children:

119. Alfred Lewis Pinneo, b. May 27, 1874, at Beyrout, in Assyria.

## NO. 56 FREDERICK SHEPARD DENNIS.

Married by Rev. Richard S. Storrs, D. D., in Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 5, 1880, Fannie Rockwell Carhart. He graduated at Yale and became one of New York's most famous physicians, and the author of valuable medical works. Residence in 1903 at 542 Madison Avenue, New York city. No children.

## NO. 57 SAMUEL SHEPARD DENNIS,

Married by Rev. Wm. S. Rainsford, D. D., in New York city, April 15, 1884, Eliza Thomas. They resided in 1903 at 249 East 17th Street, Stuyvesant Square, New York city. Children:

120. Helen Eliza, b. June 27, 1885, at Morristown.

121. James Shepard 2d, b. Oct. 27, 1887, at Orange.

122. Dorothy, b. Sept. 8, 1891, at Orange.

## NO. 58. WARREN EGERTON DENNIS,

Married by Bishop Thomas A. Starkey, D. D., in Newark, May 15, 1886, Mary E. James. Children:

123. Frederick James, b. Dec. 12, 1888, in Newark.

124. Warren Egerton 2d, b. June 5, 1892, in Elberon.

125. Mildred, b. Aug. 30, 1894, in Elberon.

## NO. 59. MARY ELIZA DENNIS,

Married in Newark, by Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., Feb. 5, 1888, James Christy Bell. Her address in 1903 was 30 West 37th Street, New York. Children: Alfred Dennis Bell, b. Aug. 7, 1866, in New York city; James Christy Bell 2d, b. Feb. 4, 1889, in New York; Samuel Dennis Bell, b. Jan. 19, 1892, in New York.

## NO. 60. MARTIN DENNIS,

Married by Rev. Dr. Chas. C. Hall, at 56 Rivington street, Brooklyn, N. Y., June 26, 1877, Carrie Cooper Rose, b. June 26, 1856. He graduated from Princeton in 1873. He is President (in 1903) of Martin Dennis' Chrome Tanning Co., 458 Market street, Newark; residence 29 James street, Newark. Children:

126. Adelaide, b. June 8, 1880.

127. Harold, b. Dec. 27, 1882.

128. Josephine, b. May 26, 1886, d. March 20, 1887.

129. Mildred, b. Aug. 18, 1891.

NO. 62. JOSEPH ROSE DENNIS.

Resides (1903) at 25 James Street, Newark.

NO. 63. ALFRED LEWIS DENNIS JR.

Is a graduate of Princeton, a member of the Joseph Flagg Co., of 38 Wall Street, New York city, members of the New York Stock-Exchange, and a resident director of said firm in Newark, at 774 Broad street.

NO. 64. SARAH DENNIS.

Married, Nov. 21, 1856, Gilbert Ackerson, of Frankford township, Sussex Co., N. J. They adopted farming as a profession and resided near Hopkins Corner, in Frankford, where he died. They had two children. A daughter, d. young; Edith, b. ———, m. ——— Fred Snook. They (1904) reside near Hopkins Corner. Fred and Edith have eight children.

NO. 65. CHARLES H. DENNIS.

Married by Rev. A. A. Haines, of Hamburg, Jan. 30, 1872, Mary Potter, b. Oct. 22, 1843. They purchased his father's farm, near Papakating, and resided there until his death, July 18, 1898 (stone in Papakating cemetery). The farm was then sold and Mrs. Dennis has since resided in Newton, where her address now (1904) is. Children:

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| 130. Martha  | } twins, b. Jan. 3, 1873. |
| 131. Margaret                                      |                           |
| 132. Blanche, b. Nov. 27, 1878, unmarried in 1904. |                           |



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### NO. 68. JOHN WESLEY DENNIS.

Married, Nov. 30, 1863, Mary Elizabeth Hopkins, dau. of Gideon. They now (1901) own and reside on a farm near Harburg. Children:

133. William Gideon, b. Nov. 8, 1865.
134. John Wesley, b. Jan. 13, 1867.
135. Benjamin Hopkins, b. Aug. 9, 1868.
136. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Jan. 12, 1870.
137. Maudie Ann, b. July 13, 1871.
138. Corrie Sophia, b. Sept. 6, 1874.
139. Jennie Belle, b. Feb. 14, 1875.
140. Martin R., b. June 3, 1876.
141. Charles Henry, b. Jan. 1, 1880.
142. Ford Jackson, b. May 30, 1881.

### NO. 69. ANN AMELIA DENNIS.

Married, Dec. 31, 1868, J. Sharp Hiles, of Beaver Run, b. June 18, 1837, son of William. They resided at Beaver Run until his death, July 11, 1900, after which Mrs. Hiles took up her residence (1904) in Decatur. Mr. Hiles left a daughter, Deborah Harlow, surviving him, from a first marriage.

### NO. 70. LOUIS DENNIS.

Married, Dec. 11, 1867, Charles B. Stickney, son of Irustus, of State Hill, Orange Co., N. Y. They now (1904) reside in the Borough of Sussex, formerly Deckertown, where he is a newspaper publisher. Children: Rosamond, b. Jan. 10, 1870, m. Nelson Crissey, of Glenwood, where they now (1904) reside, leaving children Florence, b. Oct. 3, 1891; John C., b. Dec. 5, 1893.

Allen, b. ————; Stephen Roy, b. ————.  
 Jennie, b. Nov. 28, 1871, m. William S. McCoy;  
 children — Margaret, b. ————; Charles, b.  
 ————; Isabella, b. ————; Jennie, b. ————.  
 Ida, residing, 1904, in Rochester, unmarried.  
 Amelia, b. Sept. 17, 1873, m. Ralph Becker, and  
 resides in Deckertown, children — Martin, b.  
 ————; Alice, b. ————. John L., b. Aug.  
 17, 1880, residing in Deckertown, unmarried in  
 1904. Charles J., b. Oct. 15, 1875, d. young.

## NO. 71. JANE DENNIS.

Married Moses Northrup, son of Henry, of New-  
 ton. They reside (1904) in Paterson. Children:  
 Mary, b. ————, m. at Hantsville in Sussex  
 county, Chester Lawrence. They now (1904)  
 residing near Newark, one child: Elizabeth, b.  
 ————.

## NO. 72. H. EMILY DENNIS.

Married John Hilder, of Newton, where they re-  
 sided for some time, now, 1904, residing in Chi-  
 cago. Children: Margaret, b. ————; John  
 Henry, b. ————.

## NO. 73. JOSEPH MATTHEW DENNIS.

Married Mrs. Cornelia Dushberry, of Philadelphi-  
 a, dau. of Jonathan, formerly of Beaver Run,  
 Sussex county. They reside in Chicago (1904).  
 Children:

143. Clarence, b. ————.

144. Merlin, b. ————.

145. Rich. D. ————.

## NO. 74. DAVID DENNIS 2D.

Married Ruth Weaver, of Nebraska. He was principal of a school in Park City, Utah, at one time, where he died. Mrs. Dennis now (1904) resides in Downie City, near Chicago. Children:

146. David 3d., b. ———.

147. Ruth, b. ———.

## NO. 76. HARDEN J. DENNIS,

Married, Dec. 8, 1859, by Rev. J. S. Grimley, Miss Phebe A. Curran, dau. of James D. and Sarah (Latour) Curran, of Wantage, in Sussex Co., N. J. They reside on a farm about two and a half miles east of Johnsons, N. Y. Children:

148. William E., b. July 6, 1861.

149. Anna, b. ———.

150. Sadie, b. ———.

## NO. 78. JANE DENNIS,

Dau. of James, m. Nathaniel Casterlin, of Rockport, near Unionville, N. Y. He died there. She now resides in Slate Hill, N. Y. Children: Floyd, b. ———, m. Augusta Zindle, now (1904) residing at Blair in Warren Co., N. J.; Annie, b. ———, m. ———, keeps, lives in Jersey City; Minnie, b. ———, m. Charles Turner, she d. Sept. 26, 1893 in Slate Hill. No children.

## NO. 79. FLACIA DENNIS

Married, first, Daniel Page, of Jersey City; m. second, James Hunter, of Michigan; resides (1903) in Michigan. By her first husband she had two children: Jennie Page and Addie Page. The latter died in her 14th year.

## NO. 83. PHOEBE DENNIS.

Married Dec. 12, 1875. Jacob O. Kinney, of Lafayette, now of Ridgeberry, N. Y. They now reside (1904) on a large farm near that place. They have one son, William, b. in 1880.

## NO. 84. PHYLAH E. DENNIS.

Married in 1871, John Fredericks, of Oak Ridge, N. J., where they reside, (1904).

## NO. 87. ALMIRAH DENNIS.

Married by Rev. G. F. Love, Dec. 4, 1873, Mark Huston, in Lafayette. He d. June 21, 1882. They had one daughter, Lulu May, who m. Charles Slater, of Lafayette, and have two children, Frances and Ethel, four and three years old in 1903.

## NO. 88. MARY C. DENNIS.

Married, Feb. 10, 1876, Peter A. Decker, of Beemer Church. He d. Sept. 2, 1897. Children: Mark H., b. Jan. 20, 1877, m. Annie Holmuer, of Newark, Dec. 16, 1900; Lillie Ophelia, b. Sept. 21, 1880, m. Delwin Van Atta, of Augusta, Dec. 21, 1900, have one child, Albert J. Van Atta, now about a year old; Ryerson L., b. July 7, 1882, m. Florence Ward, of Newton. Nov. 20, 1902; Emmet, b. April 3, 1884; Melissa, b. Aug. 25, 1886.

## NO. 89. OPHELIA DENNIS.

Married Aug. 3, 1835. John J. Baxter, of Lafayette. He d. in 1903. Children: Edna, b. in 1880. Mrs. Baxter resides (1904) at Lafayette.

## NO. 89½ RANDOLPH DENNIS.

Married Emma C. Adams, of Frankford Plains, Sussex County, June 10, 1886. They resided near Lafayette. He d. May 21, 1901. Children:

- 151. Lucille, 13 years old in 1903.
- 152. Clarence, 11 years old in 1903.
- 153. Ethel, d. an infant.

## NO. 91. AMZY DENNIS.

Married, Jan. 28, 1874, Augusta A. Hammond, b. Feb. 5, 1851. They now (1903) reside in Independence, Oakland Co., Mich. P. O. Address Clarkston, Mich. Children:

- 154. Maile Irene, b. June 30, 1877.

## NO. 92. GABRIEL E. DENNIS.

Married, March 3, 1888, Eva M. Wiser, b. Feb. 25, 1856. They resided in 1903, at Oxford, Oakland Co., Mich. No children.

## NO. 93. JOHN H. DENNIS.

Married, Dec. 25, 1888, Mary Farrell, b. July 6, 1865. Resided in 1903 at Oxford, Oakland Co., Mich. Children:

- 155. William, b. Oct. 22, 1894

## NO. 94. SARAH ANN DENNIS.

Married, —————, David N. Benjamin. They reside in 1904, near Buckenlowa. Children: John S.; Harry D.; Jackson N.; Roscoe D.; Frank J.; and Lavaine A.

## NO. 95. EMILY EFFIE DENNIS.

Married, —————, Emma Metlocks, and

they reside in 1903 in Newark. Children: Albro and Ivalyn.

NO. 97 JENNIE ALICE DENNIS.

Married, —————, Henry J. Northrup, of Otisville, Orange Co., N. Y., where they reside in 1904. Children: Edmund K., Ella and Jane.

NO. 98 ELLA KERRON DENNIS.

Married, —————, Benjamin P. Writer, of Otisville, N. Y. Children: Coe D., Frank J., and Elmo S.

NO. 100. ANDREW JACKSON DENNIS, JR.

Married, —————, Sally Snyder, of Lafayette.

NO. 101. MARY ELIZABETH DENNIS.

Married, —————, Charles Roe, of Lafayette. Children: Lulu, Charles, Jr., and D. W. Writer.

NO. 102. DECKER COE DENNIS.

In 1903 was residing in Newark, unmarried.

NO. 103. JORN TINGLEY DENNIS.

Married, —————, Alice Spear, of Decker-town, dau. of William and Emily (Decker) Spear. Children:

156. A daughter.

NO. 104. THEOPHORE F. DENNIS.

Married, Nov. 4, 1835; Martha H. Hendershot, b. Sept. 9, 1866, dau. of Joseph A. Hendershot,

and they, 1904, reside in Hamburg, Sussex Co., N. J. Children:

- 157. Annette Mendershot, b. March 8, 1887.
- 158. Clifford Ezekiel, b. Aug. 2, 1891.
- 159. Theodora, b. March 3, 1899.

NO. 105. MARY DENNIS.

Married, Dec. 25, 1890, James Rolosen, of Frankford township, Sussex Co., N. J. They, in 1904, resided on a farm about three miles south of Newton, via. the Springdale road. Have three children: Lois M. Rolosen, b. Sept. 11, 1895; Arthur J. Rolosen, b. July 6, 1899, and Harold Dennis Rolosen, b. March 16, 1904. She d. May 7, 1904. Buried in Newton cemetery.

NO. 106. VICTOR M. DENNIS.

Married, M. Louisa Young, Sept. 29, 1885. They reside at Conneant Lake, Pa., in 1904. Children:

- 160. Freda, b. March 16, 1887.
- 161. Cenn, b. June 15, 1888.

NO. 107. HAMBERT J. DENNIS.

Married, March 29, 1887, Belle Andrews. They resided in 1903, on the homestead farm, upon which his grandfather, Jesse Dennis, settled May 30, 1834, one mile south of Conneant Lake, Pa.

NO. 108. ALFRED LEWIS DENNIS, 3D.

Married, Oct. 31, 1900, Phena Bolard. Resided in 1903 in western Pa.

NO. 109. MARTIN ROBERT DENNIS.

Married, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, resided in western Pa., in 1903. Children:

- 162. Robert John, 3d, b. April 19, 1898.
- 163. Karl E., b. Feb. 9, 1900.
- 164. Alfred Lawrence, } twins, b. Aug. 25, '01
- 165. Lewis Jacob, }

## NO. 110. CHARLES BARTON DENNIS.

Married, March 31, 1903, Margaret E. Graham.  
They resided in western Pa. in 1903.

## NO. 115. SAMUEL E. DENNIS.

Married, Dec. 27, 1876, Laurretta VanSyckle, b. March 23, 1856, dau. of Hiram V., of Wantage. They now, 1904, own the homestead farm of his father, which is part of the original Dennis tract near Roys, in Wantage. Children:

- 166. Stella M., b. March 9, 1878.
- 167. Amy R., b. May 27, 1879.
- 168. Eleanor G., b. Nov. 9, 1882.
- 169. Alice R., b. April 11, 1894.

## NO. 116. RACHEL IRENE DENNIS.

Married, Nov. 18, 1885, Franklin T. Snook, b. April 17, 1862, of Frankford. They reside in 1904, on their farm near Papakating. Children: Idereia Snook, b. Oct. 30, 1886; Alfred D. Snook, b. July 28, 1888; Jessie May Snook, b. Dec. 3, 1890; Frank M. Snook, b. Feb. 26, 1895; Elida E. Snook, b. April 10, 1895; Charles T. Snook, b. July 30, 1897.

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## NO. 119. ALFRED LEWIS PINNEO DENNIS

Married, June 7, 1899, Mary Boardman Cable. He graduated from Princeton, and was Professor



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of History in Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me. They reside in 1903 in New York city. Children:

170. Mary Elizabeth, b. April 13, 1900, at 301 Lexington Ave., New York City.

### NO. 125. ADELAIDE DENNIS.

Married, Dec. 29, 1893, at Trinity church, Newark, by Rev. Lewis Schreve OsLorne and Rev. Thomas Bridges, Harris Penton Brownlee, M. D., of Newark. Children: Beatrice Brownlee b. July 18, 1903.

### NO. 130. MARTHA DENNIS.

Married, —————, W. Alanson Crane, of Wantage. They now reside in Phillipsburg, N. J., where he is a well known dentist (1904). Children: Harold Crane, b. —————.

### NO. 131. MARGARET DENNIS.

Married, —————, Theodore H. Kee of Frankford township, in Sussex Co., N. J. He represented the county in the Assembly one term. Is (1904) a member of the County Equalization (Assessment) Committee. They reside in 1904 in Frankford.

### NO. 133. WILLIAM CHURCH DENNIS.

Married, —————, Miss Martha Paddock, dau. of Cornelius, of Hamburg. They now (1904) reside in that village. Children:

171. A daughter.

### NO. 134. JOHN WESLEY DENNIS, JR.

Married, —————, Miss Emma Roloson, dau.

of Jackson, of Hamburg. They (1904) reside between Deekertown and Hamburg, in Wantage.

NO. 135 BENJAMIN HOPKINS DENNIS.

Married, March 16, 1892, Miss Florence Lantz, of Harlyston township in Sussex Co., N. J. They, in 1904, reside in Stockholm, where he has charge of a creamery. Children:

172. Frank L., b. Jan. 4, 1899.

173. George W., b. Aug. 18, 1901.

136 SARAH ELIZABETH DENNIS.

Married, Jan. 28, 1901, Noah Kinable, of near Stockholm, Sussex Co., N. J., where they in 1904 reside.

NO. 137 MARTHA ANN DENNIS.

Married, —————, Nicholas Demarest, of Vernon township, in Sussex Co., N. J. They (1904) reside in Vernon, and own the Nicholas Ryerson farm. Children: Names not known to us.

NO. 138 CARRIE SOPHIA DENNIS

Married —————, David Carr, dau. of James T., of Hamburg, where they (1904) reside. Children: A son and a daughter.

NO. 139 JENNIE BELLE DENNIS

Married, July 1, 1901, Samuel Wilson Hunt, of Phillipsburg, N. J. They, in 1904, reside in Dover, Morris Co., N. J.

## NO. 140. CHARLES HENRY DENNIS.

Married, —————, Sarah Egan, of Hamburg, where they, in 1904, reside.

## NO. 148. WILLIAM E. DENNIS.

Married, —————, Miss Elizabeth Seeley, dau. of John, of the town of Wawayanda, Orange Co. N. Y. They, in 1904, reside at Johnsons in that county. Children: Names not known to us.

## NO. 149. ANNIE DENNIS.

Married, —————, Mr. John Cortright, of Minisink, Orange Co., N. Y. They, in 1904, reside at Johnsons, that county.

## NO. 150. SADIE DENNIS.

Married, —————, Charles Myers, of Deckertown, Sussex Co., N. J., where they, in 1904, reside. Children: Lee Myers, b. —————.

## NO. 154. MARIE FENE DENNIS.

Married, Oct. 18, 1899, Casper J. Warden. They reside in Oakland Co. Mich. Children: Winifred b. Aug. 21 1901.

## APPENDIX.

The following clippings from the Newark Evening News, contain some dates not found in the *Life of Dennis*. The monument at Shrewsbury, which was not known nor consulted in the preparation of this work before it was printed, throws considerable light on the name of Samuel Dennis, the pioneer. It shows that he was born in Great Britain, and must therefore have been a brother of the pioneer Robert Dennis; also that he was but once married.

No. 835—Dennis—The following record may assist A. L. D. No. 555: Robert Dennis, born ———; died June 5, 1691; married Nov. 19, 1672, Sarah Howland, who was born ———, 1645; died October 2, 1712. He was of Portsmouth, R. I., where he purchased land August 25, 1656. Made freeman 1671. Deputy, 1673-81. Deeded land for a Quaker burying-ground July 9, 1672. On May 25, 1691, he purchased of Jedediah Allen and Elizabeth, of Shrewsbury, N. J., land in Monmouth, N. J. His will, dated May 11, 1691, proved July 2, 1691, leaves lands in Monmouth, N. J., purchased of his "brother-in-law," Jedediah Allen, to his eldest son, Robert Dennis. Names other children, Joseph, Mary, Sarah and John. Of these children, 1. Mary was born 1673; married George Lawton; 2. Robert born Nov. 6, 1677; died Jan. 5, 1730; married Jan. 22, 1700, Susanna Briggs, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Cook) Briggs, who was born April 9, 1691; died ———, 1744; 3.

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Sarah, born 1679, married Thomas Fish; 4. John, born Aug. 15, 1682, died Aug. 4, 1732, married, ———, Ann Brayton, who was the daughter of Stephen and Ann (Tallman) Brayton, and born July 6, 1685, died Aug. 23, 1747. He was freeman in 1709, deputy, 1713. He and wife buried in burial ground of Robert Dennis at Portsmouth; 5. Joseph, born May 25, 1689, died Oct. 24, 1759; married April 20, 1721, Sarah Durfee, who was the daughter of Thomas and Ann (Freeborn) Durfee, and was born March 1, 1693; died April 21, 1759. He was freeman in 1710 and deputy 1720-21-31. Will dated June 15, 1759; proved Dec. 10, 1759.

Of the above, Robert Dennis and Susanna Briggs had the following children: 1. Comfort, born 1705; married Philip Taylor; 2. Anne, born 1704, married ——— Sandford; 3. John, born June 24, 1706; 4. Humphrey, born May 12, 1708, dead before 1729; 5. Tabitha, born 1709; 6. Sarah, 1712, married ——— Soule; 7. Lydia, born 1716; 8. Elizabeth, born 1719; 9. Deborah, born 1722; 10. Mary, born 1723; 11. Thomas. John (2) Dennis, son of Robert (1) and Sarah (Howland) Dennis, had one son, John. Josepa (2) Dennis, son of Robert (1) and Sarah (Howland) Dennis, had the following children: 1. Sarah, born 1723; 2. Sarah, born 1725, married ——— Earle and had son William; 3. Robert, born Sept. 12, 1727; 4. Joseph, born Jan. 13, 1730, died before June 15, 1759, married Mary ———; 5. Ann, born 1731, married ——— Coggeshall; 6. Ruth, born 1733, married ——— Cory; 7. Lydia, born 1735, married

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—— Fish; 8, Freeborn, born 1739. The above is taken from a printed chart which was sent the editor by a contributor who gave no name or address. M. D. W. T.

No. 882—DENNIS—COLE—Note for No. 651— I have the following record of a Dr. Cole who married into the Dennis family, of Woodbridge or Middlesex County. It may help M. S. D. in regard to "Pappy" Dennis, of Strawberry Hill, or others. Dr. ——— Cole married Ann Frances Dennis, who was the daughter of John Dennis, who was born in 1726 and who married Sept. 23, 1753, Mary Jacques, who was the son of John Dennis, of Elizabethtown, who married Mary Cossens, who was a son of Thomas Dennis.

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• No: 994 — DENNIS — Jonathan and Rachel Dennis, of Woodbridge, N. J., had the following children: Elizabeth, born Jan. 8, 1678; Mary, born April 7, 1682; Rachel, born Oct. 30, 1683; Jonathan, born Jan. 29, 1685; Joseph, born Feb. 18, 1687; Hannah, born Jan. 26, 1691; Charles, born Jan. 4, 1689, and Sarah born Jan. 4, 1689. John and Rachel (Hull) Dennis, of Woodbridge, N. J., had the following children: Unis, born Dec. 29, 1694; Rachel, born May 14, 1699; Joseph, born May 8, 1697, John, born Jan. 12, 1700. Can any one tell me whom the Joseph, born Feb. 18, 1687, and the Joseph, born May 8, 1697, married, and also give me the names of any of their children, and, if possible, I should like to know whom some of the other above mentioned children married? H. B.

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No. 1096--DENNIS -- In my search for the early line of "Pappy", Dennis, of Strawberry Hill, for whom I inquired in Nos. 570 and 581, I have made a few notes that, while they may not serve to straighten out my query, may be of service to others, and for that reason I give them.

Patrick Dennis was a lay delegate from St. John's Church at Elizabeth, N. J., to the diocesan convention of New Jersey, held at Christ Church, New Brunswick, N. J., on July 6, 1785. He was elected by that convention a delegate to the general convention. He was again sent as a delegate to the diocesan convention, held at St. Peter's, at Perth Amboy, May 16 to 19, 1788. He was a brother to John Dennis, Sr. This John Dennis, Sr. and his wife Mary are buried in a vault in Christ Churchyard, New Brunswick, N. J. They had a country home at the "Landing," while their city residence was on Albany street, New Brunswick. The "Landing" is about a mile from New Brunswick.

A John Dennis on Oct. 23, 1678, lived on the east side of the highway, about where (in 1873) Edward Ayers now lives. He was appointed on that date to superintend the making of a bridge, near his house, over the brook which runs across the road on the west side of Alexander Edgar's residence. Was this "Pappy" Dennis?

Among the notes of the Woodbridge, N. J., Denises, are the following: Robert Dennis, of Yarmouth, Mass., had children Jonathan, Joseph and Elizabeth. Elizabeth Dennis married

Thomas Bloomfield and Jonathan married Rachel Moore. Jonathan Dennis was ensign for Woodbridge in 1661. Among the list of freeholders of Woodbridge in 1670 are Robert Dennis, who had 448 acres of land; John Dennis, who had 107 acres of land, and Samuel, who had 94 acres of land. Which of these three was of Strawberry Hill?

In the Rev. Abraham Beach's records as pastor of Christ Church, New Brunswick, are found the following: "July 16, 1769, Hannah Hampton, the daughter of John and Mary Dennis, was baptized in St. James's Church, in Piscataqua." "July 7, 1771, Richard, the son of John and Mary Dennis, was baptized in New Brunswick, N. J." "July 25, 1775, Elizabeth, the daughter of John and Mary Dennis, was baptized in Christ Church at New Brunswick, N. J." "Nov. 27, 1771, Samuel Hudson and Mary Dennis, of the 'Landing,' were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony by Abraham Beach." "May 12, 1776, Richard Stites and Sarah Dennis were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony by Abraham Beach." In the funeral records of Rev. John Croes, I find the following: "April 1, 1806, Mrs. Dennis, the wife of John Dennis, Sr." "Dec. 22, 1806, Mr. John Dennis, Sr., a church warden, aged between 81 and 84 years. John Croes, rector." M. S. D.

NOTE. Lewis Dennis, mentioned on page 44, a son of Isaac and Huldah (Cummins Shaw) Dennis, has descendants—Mrs. C. MacNeice, of



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103 Mayne Street, Elizabeth, in 1904; Leonidas Dennis, her brother, of 20 Morningside Avenue, New York, in 1904, and others whose names are not known to us.

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## ERRATA.

Page 4—In first line, 1668 should be 1768.

Page 26—The next to last line, instead of *Ib.*, should read, N. J. Archives, Vol. XXII, p. 101.

Page 29—In the fifteenth line, in parenthesis, the figures as p. 1719 are an error.

Page 31—In tenth line from bottom, instead of *Ib.*, p. 256, should read N. J. Archives Vol. LXI, p. 256.

Page 33—In second paragraph, "Thomas" should be "Thomas."

Page 37—For March 7, 1780, read March 5, 1780.

Page 38—The name Shepherd, should read Shepard.

Page 60—In fourth line, should be dau.

# Chronology of the Establishment of the Dennis Family in New Jersey.

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- 1635—Robert Dennis, from England, master (some reports say, owner) of the ship "True Love," with his family and a large number of passengers, landed at Tiverton, R. I. If they came with Gov. Winthrop, it was probably the younger John Winthrop. Came to Portsmouth, R. I. His family, from subsequent developments, consisted of sons, Thomas, Samuel, George and John, born in England. He remained in Portsmouth until 1745, perhaps a little later. Had a son Robert, born there.
- 1666—Robert Dennis, the elder, came with his sons, Thomas, Samuel and John, to Woodbridge and Shrewsbury, in New Jersey, while George appears to have gone to Staten Island, N. Y. Robert the second, appears to have remained at Portsmouth, perhaps with other children, for he died there.
- 1668—John Dennis and Sarah Bloomfield were married.
- 1669—John Dennis, Jr., was born.
- 1674—George Dennis was accused of smuggling rum in Mespeth's Kill and Oyster Bay, N. Y.
- 1675—Robert Dennis, the father, must have died in New Jersey, previous to this year, because land records show that widow of Robert Dennis had 120 acres of land, June 10, 1675.

1682—John Dennis, April 23, bought 250 acres of land in Gloucester County, N. J., and in the deed is described as "late of Cork, Ireland, now of West Jersey, Joiner." An incorporation of a new family. As a tradition exists that the first ancestor of the Dennis family in Sussex County, came over with William Penn, from Ireland, we call attention to the fact that William Penn did not start from England in his ship "The Welcome," until Sept. 1. of this year, and arrived in the middle of October, so that the branch of the Dennis family from Ireland as we see had been located in West Jersey some months previously. The five ships which Penn had sent over four or five years previously, were from England.

1684—Thomas Dennis owned land in Newton, Gloucester County.

1685—Jonathan Dennis sold land on the Rahway river which he "inherited from my father Robert."

1691—Robert Dennis, of Portsmouth, purchased in May, of his brother-in-law, Jedediah Allen, land in Monmouth County, N. J.

1691—Robert 2d, of Portsmouth, died in July and devised the land to his son, Robert 3d.

1691—John Dennis, son of John and Sarah (Bloomfield) Dennis, married Rachel Hall, and lived at Woodbridge, N. J.

1697—Joseph Dennis, son of John and Rachel

- (Grand) Dan D. was born. We have no record of his marriage.
- 1739—Joseph Dennis, with his family, lived in Quakerstown, Pa.
- 1733—His son, Joseph Dennis, married at that place Hannah Lewis.
- 1757.—His son Ezekiel Dennis, was a resident of Vantage, Sussex County, N. C.
- 1760.—Joseph, the elder, accompanied by his family, including Joseph and his wife Hannah Lewis, left Quakerstown, Bucks Co., Pa., and came to where his son Ezekiel was in Sussex County.
- 1760—Joseph, the elder, was dead, and his wife was old.
- 1777—His son Joseph, husband of Hannah Lewis died.
- 1779—Ezekiel son, Joseph Dennis, died at Arm School, N. C.
- 1785—A son (scholar) Dennis died.
- 1777—Ezekiel Dennis married a second wife, Martha McCoy.
- 1783.—He had a large family, as told in the foregoing pages, and from the pioneer of old and different branches, enumerated in these pages were sprung the descendants now quite numerous in this State and in the Nation.

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